WEATHER.

Fair Saturday and Sunday without decided temperature change.

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SCANDINAVIA DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER MR. WILSON'S PROPOSALS

Three Countries Prepare Identic Communications Regarding President's Move

NORWEGIAN NOTE RECEIVED

"Deepest Sympathy" is Expressed But No Direct Offer of Co-Operation is Made

SOME SURPRISE IS FELT

Entente Diplomats Still Puzzled at Mr. Wilson's Action

Washington, Dec. 29.—Norway, Sweden and Denmark, through identic notes, the Norwegian of which was handed the State Department today by Minister Bryn have expressed their lively interest in President Wilson's proposals "looking toward the establishment of a durable peace," and their "deepest sympathy" with all efforts to shorten the war.

Unlike the Swiss government, which offered to help in any way, "no matter how modest," the Scandinavian countries make no direct offer of co-operation. This fact attracted particular interest because Norway, particularly, has been one of the greatest sufferers from the war, among the neutrals.

Text of Norwegian Note.

The State Department made public the Norwegian note without comment and in line with the policy adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, no other official information concerning peace moves was forthcoming during the day. The text of the note follows:

"It is with the most lively interest that the Norwegian government has learned of the proposals which the President of the United States has just made with the purpose of facilitating measures looking toward the establishment of a durable peace while at the same time seeking to avoid any interference which could cause pain to legitimate feelings.

"The Norwegian government would consider itself failing in its duties towards its own people and towards all humanity if it did not express its deepest sympathy with all efforts which could contribute to put an end to the ever increasing suffering and the moral and material losses. It has every hope that the initiative of President Wilson will arrive at a result worthy of the high purpose which inspired it."

Several Nations Not to Reply.

Most of the South American nations, it was indicated today in diplomatic quarters, will not send communications regarding the President's note on the official understanding that it was addressed to them largely for their own information and not to solicit action. Holland, whose attitude has been the subject of much speculation, also was said to be unlikely to take any action owing to the feeling there that it might appear unneutral to one side or the other and militate against the location of the eventual peace conference in that country. Beyond the fact that the Spanish cabinet has not yet decided on Spain's action, no further information had come to the Spanish embassy today.

Turkey's reply to the President's note, practically identical with those of Germany and Austria, was made public by the State Department during the day and Bulgaria's is expected tomorrow.

Allied Reply to Germany Ready.

Dispatches from London that the Allied reply to the German proposals was ready and probably would be sent by Wednesday, followed shortly by their reply to the President's note, was read with interest here, but drew no comment.

Entente diplomats still profess to be profoundly puzzled about the fundamental purpose of the President's action and undecided whether it was designed primarily to promote peace or for America's own guidance. They expect, however, that their governments' reply will be short and appreciative. The real impossibility of peace from their viewpoint, they say, will be adequately pointed out in their reply to the Central Powers, where they can speak without fear of wounding a friendly neutral.

Spain Protests to Germany.

The dispatch by Spain of a strong protest to Germany against submarine activities apparently overshadowed in interest among officials here the progress in the peace negotiations.

The Spanish ambassador saw Secretary Lansing recently and the secretary is understood to have outlined fully the attitude of the United States. No secret is being made of the fact that the German submarine activities furnish the cause of real anxiety to American government officials referred to in the President's note to the belligerents.

The submarine issue is being kept in the background for the present, but evidence that Germany probably has violated pledges given the United States has been collected at the State Department, and is before the President.

The usual Friday cabinet meeting

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REFUSE TO DISCUSS NEWSPRINT PRICES

Manufacturers Say They Have Not Had Time to Study Tables Showing Huge Profits

HEARINGS ABRUPTLY END

Trade Commission May Turn Facts Which Have Been Gathered Over to Department of Justice—Report to be Sent to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Hearings reopened here today by the Federal Trade Commission in its newsprint paper investigation came to a sudden end when paper manufacturers refused to discuss the reasonableness of newsprint prices. Both publishers and jobbers had been heard.

The manufacturers declared they had not had time to study tables prepared by the commission's investigators purporting to show huge profits. Members of the Trade Commission announced that despite an apparent unwillingness by the manufacturers to co-operate in the investigation, the commission's report would be issued probably in about 10 days and that such recommendations to Congress would be made as were thought necessary. At the same time it was said the commission would be in position probably by tomorrow to say whether its consideration of the paper distribution plan showed an actual paper shortage and if there is a need for distribution under supervision of the commission.

May Seek Aid Elsewhere.

It was strongly intimated during the day that facts uncovered by the commission will be turned over to the Department of Justice. It was announced that if the commission failed to relieve conditions some other governmental agency might be able to help. The report to Congress, it is understood, will score manufacturers for raising prices to the extent of forcing many small publishers out of business.

Manufacturers proposed the distribution plan at a hearing two weeks ago. Today's hearing was a resumption of that proceeding, interrupted to study the plan and give the manufacturers time to go over the commission's cost of production figures.

Blame Manufacturers and Jobbers

Publishers testifying today blamed both manufacturers and jobbers for prevailing conditions in the newspaper world. It was declared that jobbers had taken advantage of the last two weeks to try to frighten publishers into paying high prices by claiming a shortage existed which would prevent many publishers filling their needs during the coming year. More testimony was brought out also concerning alleged refusals to sell the publishers, and regarding different prices quoted by the same manufacturers. It was charged that an effort was being made to discourage buying associations through which publishers hope to purchase their paper more cheaply.

Publishers, it was said during the

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CONFERENCE HELD BY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

Facts Gathered as to High Prices Are Considered

Mr. Anderson Issues Statement Saying That Business Men Unnecessarily Detaining Cars Are "Under Just Suspicion."

New York, Dec. 29.—After a conference here today of Federal district attorneys from Maine to West Virginia who are investigating the high cost of living, a statement was issued by Geo. W. Anderson, Federal district attorney at Boston, in charge of the government's inquiry into food and fuel prices, declaring that "business men who hold or detain cars unnecessarily and unfairly are under just suspicion."

"If it be found," the statement said, "that such detention is a part of a combination to create scarcity, enhance prices and share in profits, we do not believe that juries will look with lenient eyes on such action during these times."

Explaining that the Federal attorneys had met to consider facts gathered in their districts tending to show "combinations obnoxious to the anti-trust act, to exchange views as to the significance of the evidence thus far accumulated and to consider the best way of enforcing the law in the public interest," Mr. Anderson added:

"We have spent a long day of hard work on this task. It is but to repeat to say that there is evidence that some of the peak high prices in various parts of the country—I do not now indicate where—are due to unlawful acts.

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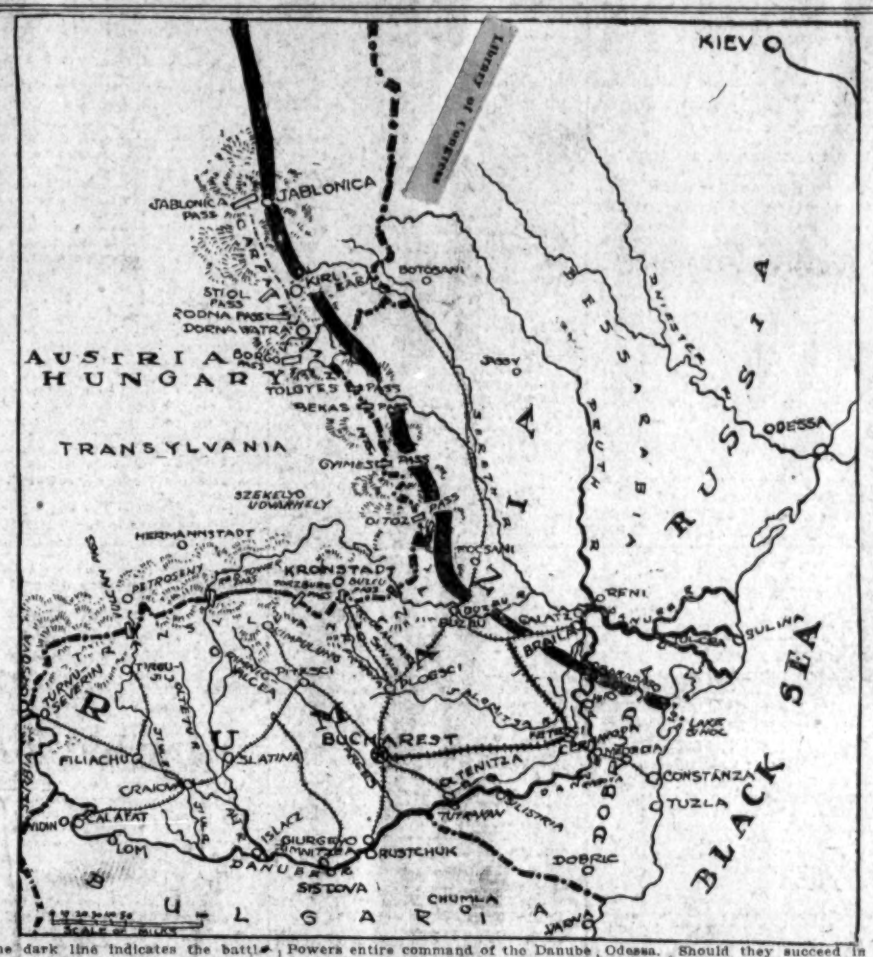
LATE MAP OF THE RUMANIAN BATTLE FRONT



The dark line indicates the battle front at the present time. The Teutonic forces are now engaged in a terrific struggle against the Russo-Rumanian army near Galatz Braila, two of the largest granaries remaining. Both of these are likely to fall within a short time. The Teutons are also attacking Reni on the Russian side of the Danube. The capture of these three important towns will give the Central Powers entire command of the Danube river. It had been expected that the Rumanians would make a stand on the Sereth but such has not been the case and the hope of the Allies now is to hold them on the line of Truth. Should they advance [illegible] into Bessarabia and the crossing of the Dniester and the capture of Odessa would then not be unlikely. The Teutons today are about 130 miles from Odessa. Should they succeed in capturing this southern port of Russia they would not only come into possession of the Russian crops of three years but also would have virtual control by means of submarines of the Black Sea. It will therefore be seen how vital the present campaign is. The Russians having realized its importance they have thrown all their enormous resources into the fight.

NEXT MOVE IS UP TO RAILROAD MEN

Brotherhood Chiefs Place Responsibility on Employes for Whatever Step is Taken

SEND SPECIAL CIRCULARS

Four Chiefs Issue a Somewhat Cryptic Statement—Neither Would Say Whether Action Veils Threat of Another Strike.

New York, Dec. 29.—Special circulars putting up to the 400,000 members responsibility for the next step to be taken by the railroad brotherhoods in their controversy with the railroads over the application and interpretation of the Adamson Act were sent broadcast by telegraph after a conference of the four brotherhood chiefs here today.

Announcement of the action was made by William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, prior to his departure for the West. He was accompanied by the other brotherhood leaders whose conference with the railway managers yesterday resulted in a disagreement.

Statement is Issued.

Earlier in the day the four chiefs issued a somewhat cryptic statement over their signatures declaring that the attitude of the railroads threatened to wipe out the benefits that should accrue to the men from the passage of the Adamson Act, and asserting that for that reason "the entire situation is to be placed before the membership."

The chiefs refused to say whether the action was a veiled threat of another strike vote such as brought about the 8-hour day legislation. The statement follows:

"While meeting with President Wilson last August at his insistence, your committee waived their request for time and a half for overtime, which was fully 50 per cent of their original demand and at the suggestion of the President accepted his proposition which was:

"'Concession of the 8-hour day

"'Postponement of the other demand, as to the payment for overtime and the counter suggestion of the railway managers, until experience actually discloses the consequences of the 8-hour day.

"'In the meantime, the constitution by authority of the Congress of a commission or a body of men, appointed by the President, to observe, investigate and report upon these concessions without recommendation.

"'Then such action upon the facts as the parties of the present controversy may think best.'

"Our men believed in so doing, they would secure the 8-hour basic day at once, but the enactment of the Adamson 8 hour law, effective January 1, 1917, made it necessary for them to

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CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR LEGISLATIVE JOBS

Alex. Lassiter Wants Place as Principal Clerk of House

R. O. Self for Principal Clerk of Senate—Supreme Court Adjourns for Term—State May Lose Federal Road Fund

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Alex. Lassiter, who has been the journal clerk of the House of Representatives, certainly since 1905, arrived today from his home in Murfreesboro and will seek election as principal clerk of the House, the place filled for several sessions past by the lamented T. G. Cobb, of Morganton. He believes he will be chosen in the Democratic caucus next Tuesday night without opposition.

It was stated sometime ago that Frank D. Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, who was clerk in 1907, would be a candidate, but nothing positive is known here as to this.

R. O. Self, of Webster, is to stand again for the principal clerkship of the Senate and he has no opposition so far as is now known.

It is learned that M. D. Kinsland, who has for several sessions been engrossing clerk to the House, will not seek re-election nor is there any known candidate for the place as yet.

Following the tragic death of W. G. Aycock in the automobile accident with Speaker Wooten two years ago, Mr. McNairy was made engrossing and it is expected that he will ask for re-election.

For reading clerk, C. C. Broughton, of Troy, is the only candidate for the place in the Senate, so far as thus far announced. It is presumed that D. P. Dellinger, who served most acceptably in this capacity in the House, will be here from Gastonia to seek re-appointment. It is expected that most of the other old officers of the two branches of the Assembly will be on hand asking for re-appointment.

Supreme Court Adjourns

The Supreme Court delivered opinions in two appeals today, denied motions in two others and adjourned for the term. The opinions are: in Vanderbilt vs Chapman, Buncombe, new trial; and Worley vs Road Commissioners Haywood modified and affirmed. Motions of defendants to reinstate and for special writs were denied in James and Lindsay vs Knights of Honor, from Buncombe, two cases.

In Edith Vanderbilt vs S. F. Thompson there was judgement below in favor of Mrs. Vanderbilt to clear the title to 465 acres of land occupied for seven years under color of title by Chapman while the Vanderbilt title traced to the Allison grant of 1796. The Supreme Court orders a new trial on the ground that the defendant should have had whatever benefit to his case there might have been in the use in evidence of the Z. T. Ledbetter occupancy of part of the tract under color

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REVENUE MEASURE IS TO BE PUSHED

Leaders Have Asked President to Deliver Special Message to Spur Up Both Houses

CANAL BOND ISSUE LIKELY

Would be Charged to Account of Army and Navy Expenditures—Bill to Be Introduced as Soon as Possible.

Washington, Dec. 29—Tentative approval having been given by President Wilson of plans of a bond issue to meet a part of a prospective deficit at the end of the next fiscal year, administration leaders in Congress are preparing to bring in their revenue bill as soon as possible after the holiday recess. It became known today that they have urged that the President deliver a special message to spur both houses to prompt action so that the necessary legislation may be passed before the end of the present session.

It has been agreed that any bond issue shall be charged to the account of extraordinary Army and Navy expenditures. Representative Hull, of Tennessee, author of the income tax law, outlined today a plan he has drafted for consideration of the Ways and Means committee for separating preparedness accounts from the ordinary expenses and receipts of the government. He figures that ordinary expenses this year and next will be less than estimated ordinary receipts and that special taxation and bond issues will be needed only to cover excess disbursements for various purposes, including Army, Navy and fortifications extensions.

Mr. Hull's plan contemplates the issuance of $129,000,000 of Panama Canal bonds for Army and Navy expenses, $70,000,000 under the shipping act and for the proposed nitrate plant, and $25,000,000 to pay for the Danish West Indies, or a total of $220,000,000.

Treasury officials today figured that the plan of Representative Garner, of Texas, to be pressed by him in committee for a 10 per cent. ad valorem duty on all imports now free and five per cent. increase on all articles dutiable would add $268,639,895 to the revenues for the period between March 1, next, and July 1, 1918, provided imports continued at the present rate. Strong opposition to this plan already is apparent.

London, Dec. 29.—Lloyds announces that the British steamers Oronsay and Mereddio have been sunk. The Oronsay was of 3,761 tons and the Mereddio of 3,960 tons.

TEUTONS ADVANCE ALTHOUGH FACING STIFF RESISTANCE

New Thrust by Invaders in Moldavia Adds to Difficulty of the Russo-Rumanians.

RATCHELU HAS BEEN TAKEN

Dobrudja Province Now Almost Cleared of Defenders—Germans Repulse French

Pressing in upon Southern Moldavia from three sides, apparently with all their vigor, the forces of the Central Powers are making progress against stiff resistance. On the Transylvania-Moldavian frontier, in the region north of Rimnik-Sarat and in Dobrudja opposite Braila, Berlin reports, the Austro-German and Bulgarian troops are advancing.

A new thrust seemingly has been started by the Austro-Germans along the Moldavian frontier, thus adding to the difficulties of the Russians and Rumanians already hard pressed from the south and east. Several lines of new positions and 1,400 prisoners were taken by the invaders in the first day of their offensive into Moldavia from the west which may have for its purpose the cutting off of the retreat of the Russo Rumanian troops now operating along the southern Moldavian border.

Pressed Back Nearly a Mile

Along the river Kasino and west of Covesha, Petrograd says, Rumanian troops were driven back nearly a mile. A desperate battle also is reported as taking place near Seismezo, near Ocana, and within the Moldavian boundary. North of Rimnik-Sarat, all attacks were repulsed according to Petrograd.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen has reached Dumitresti, about 12 miles northwest of Rimnik-Sarat, and northeast of that town troops under his command have captured several villages. The number of prisoners taken by this army totals 1,400, in addition to cannon and machin guns.

The Rumanian province of Dobrudja now is almost cleared of defenders as Berlin says Ratchelu, northeast of Matchin bridgehead, across the Danube from Braila, has been conquered. Ratchelu is on the Danube.

German Success in Verdun Region

West of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the forces of the German crown prince have repulsed attacks by the French troops against the new German positions on LeMort Homme, where second and third line trenches were entered by the Germans and 220 prisoners and seven machine guns taken. Paris admits a slight success for the Germans in this sector, saying that one trench south of LeMort Homme was entered by the attackers. Other efforts to advance between the Meuse and Avocourt and in front of both LeMort Homme and Hill 304 were repulsed by the French.

Other Fronts Quiet

Except for some engagements between patrols around Brody, in Galicia, no activity is reported from the eastern, Macedonian and Austro-Ital-

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WOULD LAY PROTOCOL ASIDE FOR PRESENT

Carranza Wants Joint Commission to Continue Conferences

Proposes That Discussion of Withdrawal of Pershing's Troops be Omitted—Commission Will Meet Again Tuesday.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Continuation of the conferences of the Mexican-American joint commission, without regard to the question of withdrawing American troops from Mexico, is proposed by General Carranza in his message refusing to ratify the Atlantic City protocol. Coupled with this suggestion, however, is a new appeal for recall of the Pershing expedition and a declaration that such action by the United States would permit adjustment of all remaining questions "within a week."

There were indications tonight that the American members of the commission might be disposed to comply with the request for further conferences. It was officially stated that nothing yet had occurred to alter the administration's policy toward Mexico and it is generally understood that so long as northern Mexico is in its present unsettled state Pershing's men will stay where they are.

A copy of the Carranza communication was sent to President Wilson. Secretary Lane announced that the American commission would meet here Tuesday to determine whether further conferences shall be held or whether Carranza's attitude has made it impossible for the joint commission to continue its work.

Carranza points out in his reply that

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BLAMES WEATHER FOR HALTING THE SOMME OFFENSIVE

General Haig Pictures the Battle as a Sweeping Triumph for Entente Allied Arms

REVIEWS THE OPERATIONS

Says Allies Have Proven Ability to Overthrow Germany "When Time Comes"

London, Dec. 29.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for Entente allied arms in a detailed report by General Sir Douglas Haig which was issued tonight and which covers operations from July 1 to November 18. General Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western armies were saved from complete and decisive defeat only by a protracted period of unfavorable weather that prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance.

He declares that, nevertheless, it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes." The British commander shows himself to be confident that the Entente Allies can win the war on the western front.

Future Prospects.

"I desire to add a few words as to future prospects," he says. "The enemy's power has not yet been broken nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the objects for which the Allies are fighting have been attained, but the Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to gain those objects. The German army is the mainstay of the Central Powers and a full half of that army suffered defeat on the Somme this year. Neither victors nor vanquished will forget this and, although bad weather has given the enemy a respite, there are undoubtedly many thousands in his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in their ability to resist our assaults or overcome our defense.

Confidence Justified.

"Our new armies entered the battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified."

"The principle of an offensive campaign during the summer of 1916 had already been decided on by all the Allies," says the report. * * *. "Preparation for the offensive had made considerable progress but the day was dependent on many doubtful factors.

"Subject to the necessity of commencing operations before the summer was too far advanced and with due regard to the genneral situation, I desired to postpone my attack as long as possible. The British armies were growing in numbers and the supply of munitions was steadily increasing but a large proportion of the officers and men were still far from being fully trained and the longer the attack was deferred the more efficient they would become.

Chose Most Opportune Time.

"On the other hand, the Germans were continuing to press their attacks at Verdun and both there and on the Italian front, where the Austrian offensive was gaining, it was evident that the strain might become too great unless timely action was taken. Accordingly I agreed that the attack should be launched whenever the general situation required it with as great a force as might then be available.

"By the end of May the pressure on the Italian front had assumed such serious proportions that the Russian campaign was opened early in June and the successes gained against the Austrians at once, caused a movement of German troops from the western to the eastern front. This, however, did not lessen the pressure on Verdun, and, therefore it was agreed that the combined French and British offensive would not be postponed beyond the end of June.

"The object of that offensive was three fold. To relieve pressure on Verdun, to assist our allies in the other theatres of war by stopping any further transfer of German troops from the western front, and to wear down the strength of the forces opposed to us."

General Haig sums up the result as follows:

Sums Up Results

"Three main objects with which we commenced the offensive in July already been achieved, in spite of the fact that heavy autumn rains prevented full advantage being taken of the favorable situation created by our advance at a time when we held good ground for hoping to achieve yet more important successes. Verdun had been relieved, the main German forces had been held on the western front and the enemy's strength had been considerably worn down. The attainment of all three affords ample compensation for the splendid efforts of the troops and for the sacrifices made. They have brought us a long step forward toward the final victory of the allied cause.

"Information obtained, both during the progress of the Somme battle and since the suspension of active operations, had fully established the effect of our offensive in keeping the enemy's main forces tier to the western front. * * *.

"It is therefore justifiable to conclude that the Somme offensive not only relieved Verdun, but held large

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IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

ALBRIGHT AND HANSON WINNERS LAST NIGHT

Defeated Toney Massino and Geo. Sarros at Woolvin Hall

Irishman and Italian Put Up Stubborn Scrap But Sarros Was Easy for Fritz—World's Championship Match Friday Night

Ireland and Sweden triumphed over Italy and Greece last night when Con Albright walloped Toney Massino and Fritz Hanson won over George Sarros in the first double wrestling bill of the season at Woolvin Hall.

Albright won two out of three from Massino, taking the second fall with a double arm roll in one and a half minutes, and the third with a chancery in 36 1-4 minutes after the Italian had won the first argument with a scissors on arm and arm lock in 36 minutes. Hanson took two straight from Sarros with ridiculous ease. The shoulders of King Constantine's subject were pinned to the mat in the first fall with a head scissors after 16 1-4 minutes and met the same fate in the second with a cradle lock and three quarters Nelson in five and three quarters minutes.

It was a bad night all around for the Southern Europeans Massino was floored by a scrappy little South Carolina Irishman who was considerably lighter, while Sarros' exhibition was pathetic. Massino and Albright furnished all the fireworks for the evening, for the Hanson-Sarros scrap could scarcely be called a contest.

Although Albright was several pounds lighter than Massino, he was considerably faster, and far wiser in the finer points of the mat game. The big Italian had the beef, strength and endurance and that about let him out. The wily son of Erin was on the offensive from the start with but few intermissions and proved himself to be one of the cleverest wrestlers who has appeared here recently.

The first fall was fiercely contested. Albright started right in to wear down his bulkier opponent, and although he could do little toward pinning his shoulders to the mat during the first few minutes he kept the big Roman busy every minute, and time and again slipped from a hold that looked like his finish. Finally after 36 minutes Massino gripped him with a scissors and arm lock, and slowly but surely forced his shoulders against the canvas.

The second fall was a joke. After scarcely a minute's struggle the plucky little Irishman caught Toney in a double arm roll and hurled him to the floor with terrific force, pinning him to the mat before he had a chance to recover.

The final fall was stubbornly fought with Massino on the defensive most of the time. Albright repeatedly got him in close quarters, but lacked the strength and weight necessary to win. He found it next to impossible to do anything with the Italians neck, and Toney found the Irishman entirely too slick a customer. Toward the finish Massino caught Con with a chancery and cross leg lock, and the clever lad from Palmetto State rolled over and ended the bout by pinning the Italian to the canvas.

George Sarros was no match for Hanson, the local favorite mauling him about the ring with ease, and tumbling him at will. He permitted the Spartanburg man to get all sorts of holds on him and then shook him off like a huge mastiff would free himself of water after taking a swim. George thought that if he rubbed Fritz in the nose maybe it would change his luck so he tried it. Now Fritz did not appreciate having his nose massaged by every little fellow who happened along, so he retalliated by wedging Sarros down tighter than a willow sapling beneath a ton of brick.

Referee McGurley than patted Hanson on the shoulder as the winner of the first fall, but Sarros insisted that he had not been pinned down, and Fritz repeated the trick in about 30 seconds just to ease his mind of any doubt that he might have about the matter.

Hanson wasted little time in throwing his opponent in the second and in less than six minutes had sounded taps for Georgie with a cradle lock and three quarters Nelson.

The bouts last night were held alternately. One pair wrestling while the others rested, in this way giving the fans a continuos performance throughout the evening. Massino made a brief speech at the finish of the first bout, and stated that Albright was one of the cleverest men he had ever met. He informed the crowd that he had been posing for the Corcoran art gallery in Washington for the past month and had grown soft. Massino expressed himself as anxious to meet Albright or Hanson in near future.

The Italian champion made a favorable impression on the local fans and proved himself a thorough sportsman. Just after entering the ring he made a few poses showing his splendid muscular development. He is undoubtedly the finest specimen of physical manhood that has appeared in a local ring in many moons.

Ludwig Kess, the clever Belgian middleweight, was present last night and climbed through the ropes and was introduced to the crowd. In his behalf Referee McGurley announced that he was still open to meet all middleweights.

Woolvin Hall will be the scene of a world's championship encounter next Friday night when John Olin, holder of the title, and Hjalmar Lundin, champion of Scandinavia, and conqueror of Tommy Draak, will meet. These are two of the greatest exponents of the mat game in the world today, and the local fans are fortunate in securing a meeting between the two. Olin will weigh 205 pounds while Lundin will tip the scales at about 230. Olin is said to have been offered a purse of $20,000 to meet Joe Stecher in the West in the near future, which he will probably accept.

Hanson will clash with the English middleweight champion in Columbia Wednesday night.

FIGHT DRAFTING OF THEIR PLAYERS BY MAJOR LEAGUES

New York, Dec. 29.—Owners of baseball clubs of the International League and American Association will meet at Cincinnati next Tuesday to fight the drafting of their players by the major leagues, according to an announcement tonight by Edward G. Barrow, president of the International League.

They intend, he said, to urge the National Commission which also meets at Cincinnati on Tuesday, to exempt the three class AA leagues from the draft.

If the National Commission refuses to consider the elimination of the draft, Mr. Barrow added, the draft plan submitted by President Ebbets, of the Brooklyn National League club, would be favored. Under this plan the drafting of players from the class AA leagues must stop when the player limit is reached by the major league teams.

Before leaving today for Cincinnati to attend the National Commission meeting John K. Tener, president of the National League, said:

"What the commission will do for the minors, I cannot tell. I am in favor of Mr. Ebbett's draft plan."

BINSEN AND O'BOYLE WIN WAY INTO TENNIS FINALS

New York, Dec. 29.—Elliott H. Binsen, of Fordham University, the playing through holder of the national indoor junior championship tennis singles and Henry B. O'Boyle, of Georgetown University, won their places in the final and championship round of the tournament here today. Binsen played through two matches in singles and one in doubles. He lost in the latter.

O'Boyle stands as the dark horse of the tournament. His fast drives and all around excellence of execution proved him a dangerous contender for the honors.

ARMSTRONG WINS QUALIFYING ROUND IN PINEHURST GOLF

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 29.—Dwight L. Armstrong, of Pittsburg, won the qualifying round in the annual mid-winter golf tournament here today with a score of 79 for the 18 holes. C. H. Williams, of Philadelphia, and Philip Carter, of New York, tied for second place with 84. Other low qualifying scores were:

J. W. Watson, Philadelphia, 85; Robert Hunter, of Noroton, and D. G. Clayton, Philadelphia, 86; Fillmore Robeson and Irving Robeson, Rochester, 87.

One hundred and thirty-eight contestants participated in the qualifying round.

PLEA OF THREE CLASS "AA" LEAGUES MAY NOT BE HEEDED

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The plea of the three class "AA" leagues—the International, Pacific Coast and American Association—for the abolition of the draft rule in all probability will be denied when the National Baseball Commission meets in Cincinnati next week, President Johnson, of the American League, said tonight.

President Johnson, a member of the commission, said the present draft rule was changed by the commission at the suggestion of the same leagues which now ask that it be amended.

PHILLIES TO PLAY THREE GAMES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Spring training of the Philadelphia National League club will begin March 9 at St. Petersburg, Fla., President Baker announced today. The team will leave New York City for the training camp on March 6. No games have been scheduled at the Florida grounds, but several will be played on the homeward trip. On April 3, the Phillies will play at Charlotte; April 4, at Raleigh, N. C.; April 5, Durham, N. C.; April 6 and 7, Washington, D. C.

WENDELL, N. C. BOY SIGNS WITH CHICAGO AMERICANS.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Fred Henry, first baseman, of Wendell, N. C., has been signed by the Chicago Americans, Manager Rowland announced today.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION MAY RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION

Controversy May Now be Entirely Up to Congress to Settle.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Prompt consideration in Congress of President Wilson's proposed railway legislation was predicted here today that announcement of the termination of conferences between railway and brotherhood heads in New York, in an unsuccessful attempt to settle their differences. While no official advices were at hand as to the probability of the conferences being resumed, the view was taken that representatives of employers and employes had thrown their entire controversy into Congress for settlement.

Hearings on part of the President's programme will begin before the Senate Commerce committee next Tuesday. Witnesses for the roads, the brotherhoods and the general public have been advised to appear then to present their views on the proposals to prevent threatened strikes pending inquiries, and to authorize the President to take over railroad, telegraph and telephone lines in times of military necessity.

METHODIST BODIES MEET.

Commissions on Unification Hold Joint Secret Session.

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—The two commissions on unification of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal church held their first joint meeting today and effected formal organization of the joint commission. Like the earlier sessions of the separate commissions the meeting was secret.

Minutes will be kept of the joint sessions which may be made public, it was stated, if there is occasion for doing so.

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TEUTONS ADVANCE ALTHOUGH FACING STIFF RESISTANCE

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ian fronts. British and French troops have carried out successful raids on the west front at various points.

FRENCH COUNTER ATTACKS MADE ON GERMAN POSITIONS

Berlin, Dec. 29," (via Sayville).—French forces today made counter attacks on the new positions captured by the Germans on Dead Man Hill northwest of Verdun. The war office in this evening's statement made this announcement and reported the repulse of the attacks. The official statement reads:

"A stronger artillery fire has developed north of the Somme.

"Attacks launched against the front and flank of our new position on Dead Man Hill by the French were repulsed.

"On the eastern front nothing important has occurred.

"The army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen is making further progress.

"Affairs in Macedonia are quiet."

PROPOSES CHANGE IN FOOD PRICE SYSTEM IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 29, (via Sayville). — Adolph T. Von Batocki, president of the food regulation board, has sent a circular to the German federal government explaining that the system of maximum prices for food has not yielded satisfactory results and stating that a change will be proposed in the immediate future, says the Overseas News Agency. In consequence of the difficulty in distributing from one central place articles like butter, potatoes, meat and milk, Von Batocki proposes that the towns should make contracts with the producers of all these articles in a manner similar to that in which they now contract for pork.

LIEUT. LEFFERS KILLED IN AIR BATTLE ON WEST FRONT

Berlin, Dec. 29, (via Sayville).—Lieutenant Gustav Leffers, the noted German aviator, who recently was decorated with the Order Poul Le Merite, has been killed in an air engagement on the western front, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY MEETS IN CHARLOTTE IN 1918.

Convention Closes Following Election and Installation of Officers.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—With the annual election and installation of officers, selection of Charlotte, N. C., as the meeting place in 1918, and the transaction of routine business, the eighth binenial national convention of the Pi Kappa Phi college fraternity closed here today. It had been in session since Wednesday. The officers elected and installed are:

Eminent Supreme Archon—J. D. Carroll, Lexington, S. C.

Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon—Roy J. Heffner, Chicago.

Eminent Supreme the Saurophulax—J. Lawton Ellis, Jr., Atlanta.

Eminent Supreme Grapter—John L. Henderson, Burlington, Vt.

Eminent Supreme Chaplain—J. B. Belk, Charlotte, N. C.

Eminent Supreme Journalist—Wade Smith Bolt, Otterbein, Ind.

Eminent Supreme Historian—Bob Burnett, Spartanburg, S. C.

Eminent Supreme Thurepanioktes—Cecil A. Carlisle, Atlanta, Ga.

Business Manager, the Star and Lamp, the fraternity publication—J. C. Byrd, Columbia, S. C.

The convention adopted a rule whereby after January 1, 1920, no member of a high school or preparatory school fraternity will be admitted to membership.

WEALTHY JAPANESE ARTIST LOST IN SWAMP IS RESCUED

Became Separated From Companions in Dismal Swamp in East Carolina.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—Takao Shiota, a wealthy Japanese artist residing in New York, who yesterday became separated from hunting companions in the Dismal Swamp, was rescued from the Eastern North Carolina wilderness late this afternoon after 20 hours' search. Shiota declared that he lost the sense of direction after becoming separated from his companions and could not make his way out, and after becoming exhausted built a lean-to and awaited rescuers. He suffered considerably from exposure and hunger.

HAFFNER TO SERVE JAIL TERM

Published Article Accusing George Washington of Drunkenness.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 29.—As a libeler of George Washington's memory, Paul Haffner, of Tacoma, must serve four months in the county jail, the Washington Supreme court today upholding the conviction of Haffner on a criminal libel charge.

Haffner publish an article accusing the first President of the United States of drunkenness and other irregularities.

JAPAN SUPPLYING MUNITIONS TO CARRANZA GOVERNMENT

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—The Carranza government has lately transmitted the sum of a million pesos gold to Japan in payment for war munitions, it wa slearned here tonight from a well informed source. The munitions are said to consist of artillery shell and field guns, including anti- aircraft cannon.

The same authority claims to have information that the two new cartridge factories established by the Carranza government, with a capacity of 75,000 cartridges a day each, are equipped with the latest type of American machinery shipped to a firm in Spain and then re-shipped to Mexico by way of Vera Cruz.

TORREON WAS CAPTURED BY VILLISTAS THEOUGH A RUSE

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—Villa troops took Torreon by surprise through a ruse December 21, according to details reaching the border tonight.

By false dispatches to the railway officer in Torreon the rebels are said to have made the Carranza garrison believe a train entering the city bore reinforcements from General Murguia. But instead, it carried Villa troops who quietly disembarked, then rushed the town while the garrison retired.

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CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR LEGISLATIVE JOBS

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of title as executor of his father's estate.

In the case of W. E. Worley and others vs the Haywood county commissioners, involving litigation to obtain damages from the county or the Beaverdam township commissioners for damage to lands through opening new highways, the Supreme Court orders the county commissioners to proceed with the appointment of the jury for appraisal of damages and to thereafter pay the damages assessed.

State May Lose Road Fund

Members of the State Highway Commission and others especially interested in the development of North Carolina highways are deeply concerned as to the possibility of the State's not being in position to benefit by the $114,000 Federal road fund to come to this State provided the State authorities make ample provision for maintenance of highways improved. They are launching a campaign to have the Legislature set aside the entire revenue of the State from automobile licenses for this purpose and believe that if this is done the fund will be ample and that the Federal aid will be assured.

LAWSON IS TELEGRAPHED TO PROVE CHARGES OF A "LEAK"

Congressman Henry Wires Him to "Put Up, or Shut Up."

Washington, Dec. 29.—The controversy which has followed Congressman Wood's resolution for investigation of whether any member of President Wilson's official family profited in the stock market because of "inside information" on the President's peace notes got into semi official form today when Chairman Henry, of the House Rules committee, telegraphed Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, to come to Washington, and substantiate his published ttatements that he knew of the so-called leak and his prediction that there would be another.

"Put up; or shut up," said Chairman Henry's telegram.

"Cease slandering and libelling Congress and public officials or make good your charges."

Mr. Henry announced that he would re-introduce his bill next Tuesday to regulate the New York stock exchange.

"If Mr. Lawson states the truth about Wall Street and an alleged leak," he said, "it conclusively shows that the bill introduced by me in the 63rd Congress to regulate the New York Stock Exchange should be speedily passed and should even be made more drastic.

"This short session should find a way to protect the American people against such crimes as the one just perpetrated by Wall Street if Mr. Lawson is any where near the truth."

RECORD-BREAKING BUDGET OF CHRISTMAS MAIL HANDLED

Reports Indicate 99 Per Cent Was Delivered on or Before Christmas Day

Washington, Dec. 29.—In spite of the weather conditions that tied up trains and crippled local delivery arrangements in hundreds of cities, reports to the Postoffice Department indicate that 99 per cent. of this year's record breaking budget of Christmas mail, including 125,000,000 parcels and many millions of holiday letters and cards, were delivered on or before Christmas Day.

The tremendous bulk of mail matter turned over to the service for transportation and delivery in the two weeks before Christmas was equivalent, Postmaster General Burleson pointed out tonight, "to fully two and one half pounds of parcel mail for every man, woman, child and infant in the land."

That would require use of 1,000 full mail cars carrying ten tons each during the two weeks' period.

Reports on December stamp sales, relied on to show definitely the volume of Christmas traffic as compared to other years, are not yet complete, but department officials estimate that postage receipts for the month will not total less than $18,000,000. Last December the total was $15,000,000.

WESTERN UNION CHARTER IN ARKANSAS CANCELLED

Secretary of State's Order Upheld Temporarily by Federal Judge.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 29.—The secretary of state today issued an order at Little Rock cancelling the charter of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Arkansas, according to a telegram by a local firm of attorneys.

The action was taken under the Arkansas statute, upheld by the state supreme court, which permits the secretary of state to cancel the charter of any foreign company which attempts to remove a pending suit in the state courts to the Federal courts.

It was learned the telegraph company had secured from the Federal court at Little Rock a temporary restraining order to prevent the secretary of state from putting the revocation into effect. This order was made returnable January 2.

TWO MEN SHOT AND KILLED ON S. CAROLINA PLANTATION

Result of Quarrel Over Tenants Moving to Another Farm.

Brunson, S. C., Dec. 29—H. A. Preacher, a mail carrier, and Keb Nettles, a tenant farmer, were shot and killed near here today at the plantation of P. W. Lightsey, a farmer and land owner. Lightsey surrendered to Sheriff J. H. Lightsey, of Fampton county, who with Eric Harrison, a deputy, was present during the shooting. The shooting, it was said, followed attempts by Preacher to get Nettles to leave Lightsey's plantation, the latter claiming his tenant should stay because of debt of several hundred dollars. P. W. Lightsey, it was said, had telephone for the sheriff, saying Preacher and Nettles were armed, and that he believed his life was in danger.

TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

Shipments for 1916 About Billion Dollars More Than in 1915.

New York, Dec. 29.—Exports of American manufactures and commodities through the port of New York were $2,785,331,906 in 1916, or approximately $1,000,000,000 more than in 1915, it was announced today in a summary of the calendar year's business given out by Collector Dudley Field Malone.

The total domestic exports for the 12 months with tomorrow's figures estimated are compared with $1,727,164,618 for 1915. The gain in imports, although not so spectacular, has been considerable. The year brought $1,255,297,403 worth of merchandise to this port. This is a gain over last year with its total of $927,015,941, or nearly 30 per cent.

SCANDINAVIA DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER MR. WILSON'S PROPOSALS

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was cancelled today because of the President's desire for as much rest as possible during the holidays and because no important questions were in shape for action.

SCANDINAVIAN NOTE TO BE DISPATCHED TO PRESIDENT.

Stockholm, via London, Dec. 29.—K. A. Wallenberg, foreign minister of Sweden, today handed to Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister, the Scandinavian country's peace note to the belligerents for transmission to Washington. When Mr. Morris delivered President Wilson's note to M. Wallenberg December 21, the foreign minister evidenced profound interest in the desire for peace, and the note handed to Mr. Morris reflected this feeling as prevailing throughout Scandinavia.

BERLIN PRESS DISCUSS THE ACTIVITIES OF SOCIALISTS

Berlin, Dec. 29, (via Sayville).—Berlin newspapers publish numerous dispatches and comment at length on the recent discussions and other activities of socialist committees and congresses in other European countries. The newspapers report, says the Overseas News Agency, that while Great Britain permitted delegates of the Danish labor party to visit England, the French minister at Copenhagen refused to give three Scandinavian delegates passports for France in order to prevent the French socialists from receiving neutral information. The Vorwaerts, commenting on the meeting of the French socialists, says:

"The reports of the Havas Agency concerning the French convention appear very much adulterated. Private reports are that a resolution was proposed to the meeting urging that the government should not decline peace proposals on principle but to examine the situation recently created, conscientiously."

After discussing the resolutions, the Vorwaerts refers to the interest shown in France concerning the German peace conditions, and adds:

"If the facts were known in France, then the French people would know that this war, as a war of defense, for the existence and honor of France has terminated and that it can only be continued, if France so wishes, as a Russian war of conquest. The people then would be able to see whether the French nation is ready to run into German machine guns for the Russian emperor."

PEACE SOCIETY HAS PLAN TO SECURE LASTING PEACE

Washington, Dec. 29.—The directors of the American Peace Society decided today to call an open meeting of peace workers to be held here January 20 to consider a definite programme for international reorganization designed to secure a lasting peace when the war is over.

A plan to be submitted has been drafted by James Brown Scott, chairman of the American Neutrality Board, and is understood to have the approval of Secretary Lansing. Some modification of it is expected to be adopted by those in favor of permanent peace secured by international legislatures, courts and public opinion as opposed to those who are supporting the suggestion of an international force.

Between these two principles, it has been officially stated, the administration has not committed itself.

President Wilson has been commonly supposed to support the programme of the League to Enforce Peace, having spoken at its meeting here several months ago and having said in some of his campaign speeches that "the moral force not only, but the physical force" of this country should be used to guarantee peace. Recently, however, it has been stated that the President is not definitely committed to that programme and is open to suggestions along other lines.

GERMD PEOPLE URGED TO INSIST UPON STATING TERMS

New York, Dec. 29.—An appeal to the German people to insit that their government "shall make known the terms on which they are prepared to enter upon peace negotiations", was sent by the American Neutral Conference Committee today to Maximilian Harden, of Berlin, the German publicist and editor of Die Zuknuft. It was in the form of an open letter to the people of Germany.

The minimum basis of peace ngotiations, if they are to be satisfactory to the world as well as to the Entente powers, was defined by the committee as including:

Readiness of the Central Powers to consider "in the course of the negotiations" the possibility of averting wars in the future through such a world organization to insure peace as will make aramaments unnecessary.

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DEUTSCHLAND AND SISTER SHIPS ARE TO CARRY MAIL

Parcels to be Sent by Way of U-Boat Must be Marked "Submarine Letter."

Berlin, Dec. 29, (via Sayville).—The mail to be carried on the merchant submarine Deutschland and her sister ships, the German postal authorities announce, will be known as "submarine mail" and it will be dispatched to the United States, Central and South America, the West Indies, China, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands. All letters for transmission by submarine must be sent to Bremen and must bear the inscription "submarine letter."

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THOMAS F. RYAN MOVES HIS RESIDENCE TO WASHINGTON

Means An Annual Loss to Virginia of Around $80,000 In Taxes

Richmond, Va., Dec. 29.—Thomas Fortune Ryan, who has been a legal resident of Virginia since 1905 and who was compelled this year to pay to the state alone more than $235,000 in taxes on intangible property which had not been subjected to taxation for eleven years, has notified the commissioner of revenue of Nelson county that he has transferred his residence to Washington, D. C.,

It is estimated that the transfer of Mr. Ryan's legal residence will mean an annual loss of $80,000 taxes to the State of Virginia and Nelson county, where is located his great country estate. The collection of the Ryan taxes was one of the issues that figured in the legislation of the general assembly of 1916.

The constitutional prohibition against the release of any taxes by the state finally determined the legislature in passing a law which allowed the state to assess back taxes to 1903, the date of the present contitution.

Mr. Ryan made no protest. On May 1, 1916, more than a month before the law went into effect, State Auditor Moore received from Treasurer John T. Fitzpatrick, of Nelson county, a check for $236,074.13 in full payment of back taxes owed to the state by Mr. Ryan. It was the largest single check in payment of the state taxes of an individual received in the history of the auditor's office.

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THEATRICAL

Little Marguerite Clark, who has graced the garb of prince, pauper, orphan, Spanish girl, little Irish lass, Swiss maiden and others too numerous to mention, will be seen for the first time in "Silks and Satins." This beautiful photo romance produced by the Famous Players Film Co., will be shown at the Grand today on the Paramount programme. The Famous Players have carefully selected for this petite star a cast, scenes and director, J. Searle Dawley, that make this production stand foremost among feature photoplays.

In this unusual romance Miss Clark is a modern girl who is to marry a certain young dandy against her wishes. Through the careless maneuvering of a table, a drawer is dislodged, which had heretofore been unseen, revealing a diary with an avenue of escape from her predicament inscribed in it by an ancient relative, of the Eighteenth Century, who had been in a like predicament. The plot is a combination of an old love story with one of modern origin.

Today at the Bijou.

What on earth is the use of trying to put the plot of an L-Ko comedy in cold type? It can't be done, and if it could, no one would have the slightest idea of the mirth-provoking qualities of such a phantasy of bombs, doubles, guns that shoot a hundred times without reloading, beds which collapse at the critical moment, and let their occupants through the floor and the neighbor's ceiling, comic police in madly skidding autos, and all the other paraphernalia of the comedy picture game.

Today at the Bijou you will see one of the greatest of all these screams, a rousing two-reeler entitled "Murdered by Mistake," not a very cheerful title to be sure, but it's there with the punch, and Dan Russell, the particular star, who plays a wonderful dual role, tries his best to leave an unappreciative world, but his efforts are frustrated by his double—or something like that. Anyhow, it's a real L-Ko laughfest, and is in two great reels.

"Green Eyes" is a tense dramatic feature which will follow and give you a few saner moments, and then comes the great Animated Weekly, full from first to last with big and interesting events.

At the Royal.

Arthur Hauk's Sunshine Girls simply "took the rag off the bush" with the big new show they presented yesterday. A gad and giddy mixture of fun, music and dancing, with the latter predominating to a great degree furnished one of the most bang-up entertainments that Royal patrons have yet had the pleasure of witnessing.

There's something doing every minute of the sixty minutes or more than this all-star aggregation are on the stage in this show. Following right after each other in rapid succession is a big bunch of great musical, song and dancing hits, with those inimitable comedy artists, Teck Murdock and Harvey Kiesber filling in with some big comedy moments.

The biggest hit of the entire show is the great act presented by The Musical Kings, assisted by almost the entire company. Especially catchy was the dancing and singing number by the girls, "Yacki, Hacki, Wicki, Wacki Woo," with the Musical Kings playing the accompaniment, in which the girls wore the most stunning harem costumes ever seen on the Royal stage. It was indeed a rare and enjoyable little act in itself.

Ward and Barton, "The Actress and the Yodeler," pulled off another brand new act that possessed all the class of their former skits and then some, and was wildly applauded last night. This big company and extra attraction makes its farewell appearance this afternoon and tonight.

The Prince of Pilsen.

Lovers of catchy music and good comedy will doubtless note with pleasure that the greatest of all musical comedy favorites, "The Prince of Pilsen," will be the attraction at the Academy on next Monday, matinee and night.

This charming musical entertainment is said to be in full flush of another successful season, with the whole production new. Costumes, scenery and effects, and all the many requirements of a high class musical offering have been added to the new company. Theatre-goers are already familiar with the tremendous song favorites: "The Message of the Violet," "Heidelberg," "The Tale of the Sea Shell," "Pictures in Smoke," and "The Song of the Cities," and their hold upon the American amusement lovers is so great that "Pilsen" continues as one of the greatest successes ever produced. The cast is said to be one of superiority and strength and includes such well known players as Charles Horno, Estella Birney, Edward T. Mora, George C. Hall, Walter James, Irene Duke, and Dorothy Delmore. Young girls comprise a chorus which is said to contain as pretty and vivacious show maids as have ever been sent out of New York. The octette of Heidelberg students in the "Stein Song" is one of the pleasing features of the performance. The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's Front street store.

Edward Moro and Ella May Bassett in "The Prince of Pilsen" coming to the Academy of Music, matinee and night, on next Monday.

BUNCOMBE FARMER SHOT AND KILLED BY HIS NEIGHBOR

Dead Man Leaves Family—Slayer in Jail at Asheville.

(Special Star Telegram).

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 29.—R. M. Davidson, a farmer living in the Swannanoa section, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by Homer Clarke, another farmer living in the same section. The shooting took place just above Swannanoa station, the weapon used being a double barreled shot gun.

The trouble, it is stated, arose over the location of a road, and after a few words Clarke is said to have fired. The first charge took the dead man in the shoulder, the second blowing out his brains.

While Clarke was being brought to jail at Asheville, he claimed that he was forced to shoot Davidson in self defense, although an examination at the scene of the tragedy and the body of the dead man failed to disclose any weapon he might have possessed.

Davidson, who was about 40, leaves a wife and and two children. Clarke, who is about 26 years of age, is a widower.

The coroner's inquest will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow and Clarke will probably be given a preliminary hearing later in the day.

FINNISH STEAMER IS SUNK WHEN RUSSIAN MINE IS HIT

All Aboard, Except About 50 Persons, Are Reported Lost

Berlin, Dec. 29, (via Sayville).—The Finnish steamer Olhonna, of 1,070 tons, with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board, with the exception 50 persons, are said to have been drowned.

The steamer was bound for Helsingfors. In addition to the men 1,000 horses went down with the ship.

According to the same source another liner plying between Abo, Russia, and Marihaam likewise struck a mine and a large number of persons who were on board her are missing. The accidents, according to the newspaper, are attributed to badly anchored Russian mines belonging to the Russian Bay mine fields.

CAUGHT OFF THE BERMUDAS

The Long and Eccentric Cruise of A Whistling Buoy.

(Providence Journal).

The hydrographic office of the navy has published a chart of the remarkable drift of the red whistling buoy which, set on Nantucket Shoals during the temporary absence of the famous light vessel, broke loose in January, 1915, and was recovered last August by the French armored cruiser Marseillaise, on patrol duty some hundred miles northwest of the Bermudas.

Three months after starting on its cruise the buoy had been picked up in midocean by the Italian steamship Andrea, which towed it for some distance back to the United States, but lost it. During the year and seven months that elapsed between the beginning and ending the buoy was frequently observed by passing ships. It is the custom of the sea to note every floating object in the ship's log, and from data thus provided it has been possible to chart the erratic voyage of the whistling buoy.

It might be thought that an object cast loose off Nantucket Shoals would be caught in the Gulf stream and carried toward Europe. But this buoy went whistling down before the northerly gales of the first winter until it arrived off Hatteras, where it turned abruptly and made for the Bermudas. The Italian steamer fetched it almost back to Hatteras; and, free once more, it then started for the West Indies. From an extreme southerly position in the latitude of the Bahamas it turned homeward again, arrived off Hatteras, started for Europe or Africa, met the gales of the second winter and headed for South America, turned again last spring as if to go straight back to Nantucket and, well on its way by midsummer, fell into the hands of the watchful French cruiser. In all, the buoy appears to have traveled some 2,500 miles.

VOLLMER, SWIMMING SENSATION

Probably the most prominent swimmer developed last season and who bids fair to be even better this season is Hal Vollmer, captain of the Columbia University team and a prominent contestant with the New York Athletic Club. Last year Vollmer established seven records. He bettered the time for all bath races from 150 to 300 meters inclusive and in doing so defeated some of the best swimmers in the country. In an exhibition at 400 yards at the New York Aathletic Club, Vollmer swam the distance in 4 minutes 56 1-2 seconds, one of the best performances ever noted. Not only did Vollmer make great headway among the stars of the water, but he helped materially to keep Columbia in a high place in the Intercollegiate Swimming League. Yale, however, won the intercollegiate honors and the water polo title went to Princeton.

QUITS POSTMASTERSHIP FOR SOMETHING BETTER

Postmaster Newton Leaves Southport for Another Position

Holiday Business Biggest Ever—Southport Signs Contract to Furnish Water for Fort Caswell. Fog Unusual.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, N. C., Dec. 29.—Postmaster Robert S. Newton, who succeeded to the office here vacated through the death of the late Postmaster Howard C. Curtis, today forwarded his resignation to the Postmaster General at Washington, D. C., to take effect at once. Mr. Newton resigns the office to accept an outside position in business that for the present is a private matter, so far as the public is concerned, but a position that offers better financial inducements.

He has made an energetic postmaster and used his best efforts to advance the interests of the office he held. His many friends will congratulate him on his advancement, at the same time will be sorry to see him and his family leave Southport. He takes the best wishes as do Mrs. Newton and the other members of his family, from this entire community.

The office pays $1,500 a year and already there are several candidates for ing place, it is understood.

To Furnish Fort With Water.

The city of Southport today signed a contract with the Federal government to furnish Fort Caswell with water. It was about one year ago when Mayor J. W. Ruark, representing this municipality, visited Washington City, looking to this contract. Every test has been made, quality and quantity of water, and these have been successfully met to the satisfaction of every government demand.

The government is to build the pipe line from the Fort, making its connection at this side. This is to be started at once, the estimated cost being $30,000. The water price is 14 cents per 1,000 gallons for the first 75,000 gallons; above 75,000 to 100,000 gallons, 13 cents per 1,000, and above 100,000, 11 cents.

The contract is regarded as a most advantageous one for both parties. The present city administration, which has put the contract through, is to be congratulated for the success of its efforts.

The government for years has endeavored to secure water, pure water, for Fort Caswell, employing every means offered, besides spending its own efforts. Water that would pass the test could not be secured. About two years ago, a Philadelphia company was the last to attempt to get water, its plant failing after the company had lost, as reported, $60,000. It is estimated that at least $250,000 has been spent and lost in the attempt to secure a water system supply for the Fort, which is now about to be solved through Southport.

Holiday Business Heavy.

The business at the postoffice here was larger than ever handled during any previous holiday period. With the usual train delays at this season, the postoffice people have been "put to it," largely due to cramped space, for the quarters are not adequate to the postal demands of this office. The business at the Southport postoffice stands to the front among offices of its class in North Carolina. It is of the third class.

The fog during three days of the week has been unusual for this vicinity. No particular accidents to shipping are noted, though constant whistles and bells were kept going by vessels passing in the harbor.

Through the resumption next summer by the A. & M. College at Raleigh of its summer school, two Southporters will be favored, these being Mrs. R. E. Ranson, who takes the position of head story teller, in that department of the school, a position that will be splendidly filled by Mrs. Ranson, and Mr. R. E. Ranson, who will deliver a course of lectures on elementary civics and school laws. He will prove an interesting speaker.

MR. D. O. DANIEL UNDERSTOOD TO BE CANDIDATE FOR PLACE

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Postmaster Newton, of Southport, today wired his resignation to the Postoffice Department. It is understood that Mr. D. O. Daniel, who is a prominent banker of Southport, will be a candidate for appointment to the place made vacant today by Mr. Newton's resignation.

INSPECTION WORK GAINS FAVOR

Dr. Bulla Goes to Beaufort County. Finished Work in Scotland.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Dr. A. C. Bulla, who is engaged in medical school inspection work for the State Board of Health, completed the work in Laurinburg and Scotland county last week and now goes to Beaufort county to engage in the same work with the rural schools of that county. Dr. Bulla recently examined the children of the public schools of Washington and now will finish up the work with the country schools.

He says that he finds that the interest in medical school inspection work is continually growing especially among the parents. They quite frequently go out to the schools on examination day not only to see their children examined, he says, but to get instructions for remedying whatever defects are found. He believes his methods are getting results and says that his best work is being done with the children of the first, second and third grades, before the defects have gotten in their ugly work and when they are most easily remedied or removed.

From Beaufort county Dr. Bulla will go to Raeford and Hoke county to do medical school inspection work.

—A blaze in an automobile belonging to Mr. H. C. McQueen, of No. 318 South Front street, caused the fire department to make a run to Mr. McQueen's residence at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The flames were nearly extinguished, however, before the arrival of the firemen.

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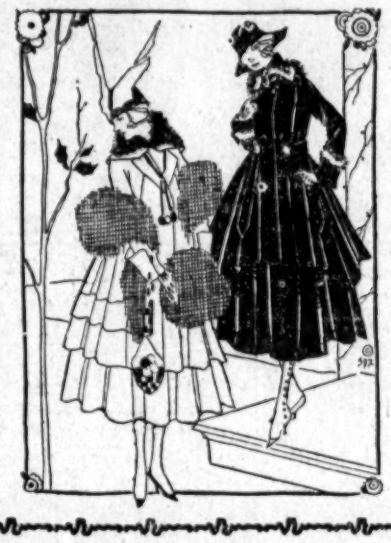

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$1.25 yard eiderdown, full yard wide; special ..... **98c** yd
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Furs worth up to $10.00; special to close out at **$3.98**

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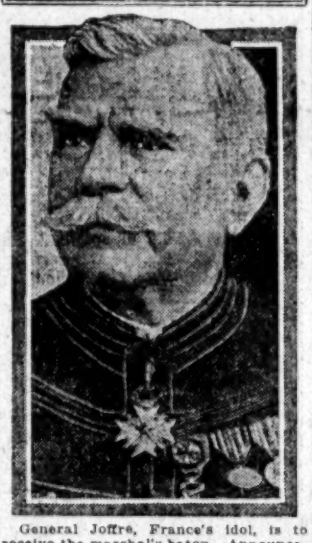
Skirts in serge and poplin that sold for $6.50 and $7.50; special to close, at **$4.98**

$1.98 for Trimmed Hats that sold up to $6

$4.98 for trimmed hats that sold up to $15

TO APPOINT JOFFRE MARSHAL OF FRANCE



General Joffre, France's idol, is to receive the marshal's baton. Announcement was made of the government's purpose to honor the former commander in chief of the French forces by revival of the army grade of marshal, which has lapsed since establishment of the third republic. It will be necessary to go back to 1873 to find a law authorizing the raising of an army officer to the dignity of a marshal of France.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Prices Break in Sensational Manner Under Bear Pressure.

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—Cotton felt the force of bear pressure on this market today, prices breaking in a sensational manner around noon, landnig 48 to 63 ponts down from the high levels established around the first call. This break started under heavy short selling, thus uncovering stop orders on a large scale. Liquidation gave the market a weak tone for a while.

In the early trading values improved 18 to 28 ponts on buying based on good cables and reports of a better spot demand.

The heavy selling of the day commenced suddenly and appeared to have no other incentive than that it was a bear move against the market. The close was at a net loss of 6 to 22 ponts. At the lowest of the session prices were 20 to 44 ponts under yesterday's close.

Futures closing bid:- January 16.59; March 16.78; May 17.04; July 17.23; October 15.64.

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An egg is hard to get and so is nog.

Have you got all your resolutions ready yet?

Every dog has his day, of course, but sooner or later he will die like a dog.

The secrets of a man's heart are given away by the babblings of his mouth.

Wilmington's right place is on the map, but we have to prepare the place for her.

The time seems to be here when men do not seem to know a way out of their troubles.

A man who does all the talking makes himself disagreeable to some other man who wants to do all the talking himself.

King George of England says the war must continue. He seems to concur in what Premier Lloyd-George has decreed.

The soldier boys were sent to the border to capture Villa, but instead of doing so some of them made captives of a lot of Texas girls.

Oh, you don't like the miserable rain. Probably you would prefer to be out West where the snow is four feet deep and the temperature is 10 degrees below zero.

One thing to remember during the new year is the old adage that "the man who minds his own business will soon have a business of his own to mind."

Austria's new leader is named Clam-Martinitz. We can't imagine how he can keep out of the soup, for we recollect how slowly but surely Patty du Clam slipped into the tureen.

Cotton growers in the Southwest would not pay a bit of attention to arguments, but the boll weevil came along and furnished them an object lesson that they understood without any argument.

Says the Jacksonville Times-Union: "It is stated that Mr. Archbold was worth but $20,000,000." However, it isn't worth any more to him now than if he had left 20 cents as his earthly possession.

A speaker recently inquired with vehemence: "Is it safe to follow Wilson?" He ought to know that the people passed upon his question last November. They acted as if they thought they would not be safe unless they did follow Wilson. The people are leaving it to Wilson.

St. Paul was one of the original forward-looking men, for he said: "Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before." We have too many things before us to which to give attention, without devoting attention to the things of the past. Do not live in the past.

The happy New Year will be here on Monday, but it may not be happy more than a day or two. While New York will celebrate the dawn of the new year with her usual gaiety, she is indulging in anxiety because nine strikes are on the programme after the 1st of January. They involve more than 150,000 men and girls, including 25,000 vaudeville performers who find it impossible to make ends meet on account of the high cost of living.

If the farm loan board has any doubt of its wisdom and absolute fairness, it can get absolute proof of it by reading the newspapers of Columbia and the eleven other cities which have been designated as the locations of the 12 farm loan district banks. Other editors who don't know what an argument is had better not dispute the overwhelming proof presented by the press of 12 cities whose eligibility was so pronounced that the board acted solely upon the merits of each city.

ANOTHER STEP TOWARD PEACE

The adoption by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing of a policy of absolute silence regarding the peace negotiations is another important step in the direction of the end now earnestly sought. This action is significant and warrants the expectation that secret exchanges may follow, especially as the Teutonic powers have made it known that they would be willing to permit a confidential exchange of tentative terms of peace, if it became necessary to do so in order to bridge the gap threatening to prevent a gathering of peace delegates.

Judging from the tone of the speeches by Entente premiers and the comments of the press of the allied countries, it can hardly be expected that they will recede from their expressed determination not to enter any sort of peace conference until Germany has indicated herself clearly on what conditions she will stop fighting. On the other hand, Germany and her allies could not reasonably be expected to proclaim to the world in advance the exact terms upon which they would agree to stop the war, except, like Great Britain did, in a broad and general way to name such terms as would tend to widen instead of bridge the gap between the warring groups of nations.

Great Britain would not, the United States would not, and Germany can not be expected to show its hand to the world, while the hand of its adversaries is concealed. Wherefore, as long as the negotiations were conducted in the open and all comunications exchanged between Washington and Berlin and the other foreign capitals were published to the world, progress toward peace might have been made, but the end sought would never have been attained.

Now that all further negotiations toward bringing the belligerent nations to a conference or some sort of tentative preliminary agreement are to be conducted confidentially and in secret, it is hardly too much to expect that greater progress toward the desired end will be made, and we need not be surprised if some very decisive and tangible results come from the negotiations that will hasten the end of the war, even earlier than many of us have expected it. The putting on of the lid on the extremely delicate diplomatic exchanges is an important and distinct step in the general movement toward peace.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION SOUTH

During 1916 only 22 miles of railroad were built in North Carolina, but 107 miles of road are projected for the coming year. This poor construction record for the year now closing applies to the whole South, for 16 states altogether built 559.63 miles of railway, with 1,473.20 miles projected for next year. This year South Carolina led the South with 88.76 miles of new road, while Oklahoma came next with 70.01 miles and Georgia third with 69.54 miles.

It is significant that the bulk of this year's railway construction was in southeastern states, and it is only a forerunner of the new era of development that has set in throughout the South Atlantic region.

Next year the Seaboard Air Line will build a line from Jefferson, S. C., to Monroe, N. C., where it will connect with the Seaboard's trunk line from the North to Atlanta and Birmingham and with the Carolina Central division into Charlotte. The new line has been chartered as the Charlotte, Monroe & Columbia Railroad. Only a gap of 25 to 30 miles of road is to be built in order to put Charlotte in direct connection over the Seaboard with Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville.

WERE THEY AFRAID OF THE TARIFF?

The Republicans tried to win the last presidential election on other issues than the protective tariff, for the quondam fetish was practically neglected. Why? The Republican National committee probably knows, but it strikes the American Economist that the G. O. P. was indifferent to that great hobby. The Economist rather marvels at it and remarks:

"Of the thirty-five printed pamphlets distributed by the Republican National Committee, during the campaign, twenty-one contain no allusion to Tariff. In the remaining fourteen pamphlets the Tariff cuts some figure, but is mostly treated as a minor issue. A still smaller proportion of Tariff matter was contained in the great volume of daily letters for use in the newspapers that went out from the literary bureau of the Committee. These letters averaged at least a thousand words a day, or fully 100,000 words for the campaign period. Not until the last four weeks of the campaign was the Tariff mentioned at all, and then only in a limited and casual way. It is safe to say that of the entire amount of reading matter put out under the auspices of Mr. Hughes' campaign managers less than 10 per cent. had any bearing upon the Tariff, and even this small proportion appeared so late in the campaign as to be of relatively little value in impressing upon voters the great importance of the Tariff as an issue. It would seem that the interests of Protection to American labor and industry fell into indifferent hands."

Isn't it a fact that the Republican actually had no issue during the last campaign? The tariff would not have helped their cause, because the people remembered the G. O. P. record with the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot tariff law. The G. O. P. could not ask for the confidence of the people in the face of such a record. The people would not trust that party to improve the tariff situation in this country. The people also know that "protection to American industry and labor" is only a slogan meant to deceive, since labor gets its benefits from organization and not through the tariff. Organized industry got its benefits the same way. Unorganized industry had no way of getting what was coming to it. The Republicans knew that the tariff would have been a boomerang for them.

If a protective tariff really protects labor, why is it that woman labor contitutes the pauper labor of America so far as the wages paid are concerned? The tariff either protects all or none.

DIRECT PASSENGER SERVICE TO THE MIDDLE WEST.

The Spartanburg Herald calls upon the Clinchfield road to wake up with the new year and establish a direct passenger line to Cincinnati. The road could easily inaugurate such a service if it would, and it seems strange that it doesn't, for it must come sooner or later, if the South is to have the advantage of modern railway service to the extent that its railway connections would seem to warrant. It is a matter for the railroads to decide whether they are content to do a provincial business or whether they will engage in traffic on a trunk line basis. The Spartanburg Herald is in earnest about through passenger service with Cincinnati, and possibly that paper has a well defined idea that such a service would prove advantageous to the railroad. The Herald's suggestion reminds the Charlotte Observer to go on and say:

"With the completion of the Clinchfield road and its traffic arrangement with the Seaboard, the promise was for a through passenger traffic between Cincinnati and Charlotte and Wilmington, but just about time the hopes of the people appeared on the verge of realization, the Clinchfield and the Seaboard had a "disrutpion," and the Clinchfield built to Spartanburg. Just why the opportunity for the establishment of a direct trunk line of traffic between Cincinnati and its Southern connections has not been taken advantage of by the Clinchfield is one of the mysteries of the railroad world. The line from Cincinnati to Spartanburg stretches straight as a string across the map to Spartanburg, with an imperceptible diversion into Charleston. Perhaps the Clinchfield has been too industriously engaged in working up its freight business to give the necessary attention to the development of pasenger traffic, but its opportunities for a short and direct route from this section of the South to Cincinnati and the West are too inviting to remain much longer unimproved."

Passenger service to Cincinnati would mean the linking of the South and the Middle West together. Such a service would affect the South Atlantic and Gulf portions of the South and of the Middle West territory at least as far away as Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul, with all of which commercial centers there is hardly a city or town in the South that has not direct business dealings. Wilmington's dealing with the Middle West are on a large and increasing scale and such a service over the Clinchfield would certainly affect this port to very great advantage if the Seaboard Air Line would give us the connections over the Carolina Central with the Clinchfield at Bostic.

This would give the Seaboard Air Line an opportunity to run through schedules from Wilmington to Rutherfordton, as was formerly done, and we know of nothing that would so develop the Carolina Central territory than better railway service. With all the odds against it, on account of inadequate service, the territory all along the line between Wilmington and Charlotte is growing. The Seaboard's business through the Eastern Carolina counties has grown marvelously during the last ten years, and there is no reason why the towns and territory in this end of the State should not go on growing and developing.

Better service on the Seaboard in connection with a through line to the Middle West certainly would attract attention to the inviting sections of Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen and Robeson counties. Those counties ought to attract hundreds of settlers, but the service on the Seaboard out of Wilmington is such that it does injustice to Wilmington as well as a region capable of a marvelous development.

In this connection, it is gratifying to note that high officials of the Seaboard recently have assured Wilmington and other towns along the line between here and Charlotte that the service is to be improved at an early date.

CURRENT COMMENT.

One of the Republican campaign threats was that the re-election of the President would humiliate the United States before the nations of the world. Few voters, if any, believed it, and these few feel miserable at the applause of the world now that Woodrow Wilson and his policies have triumphed. For every country, not excepting Germany where the anti-Wilson and anti-American feeling was heralded as white heat, has come rejoicing in various degrees of fervor that America decided not to swap horses.—Chester (Pa.), Republican.

With 100 per cent. increase in the price of book paper, publishers of magazines have been already called upon to assume a burden that wipes out the profits in most cases and in some instances makes it impossible to continue in business, so that a number of publications have been forced to suspend. On top of this comes a committee of Congress with a proposed bill to revise the postage rates on magazines and weekly publications so that instead of the present flat rate of one cent a pound there will be a cent a pound charged for every 300 mile zone up to 1800 miles—six cents maximum, for each pound—meaning a bill in postage for the Manufacturers Record, for instance, which will average $2 or $3 a year more per copy than the present postage cost. It is obvious the publishers of a legitimate newspaper or periodical cannot afford to carry this heavy load. Even with normal prices for print paper the cost of publication is seldom represented in the yearly subscription price, and at the present high price of paper the loss on circulation is a burden that only the most firmly established publications can stand. Will the subscribers to periodicals of national circulation relish the imposition of this additional tax? Or is it the idea of the Congressional Committee that both the publisher and the individual will balk at the added tax, with the result that the circulation of all publications will be confined to the county in which they are published or at least will not go beyond the 300 mile zone to which present rates will reply?—Manufacturers Record.

The prices paid by merchants for farm products in the markets of North Carolina, as reported to the Division of Markets, of which Mr. Wm. R. Camp is chief, afford an interesting study just at this time. Western creamery butter appears to be quoted higher than the product of the North Carolina creameries. Asheville is paying 47 cents for the former and 44 for the latter. On the Charlotte market both Western and North Carolina creamery butter is quoted at 40 cents. On the other hand, Durham is paying 38 and 35 cents, respectively. Hamlet also gets butter at 35 cents, but the prevailing figures in other towns are 40 cents. This is higher than the Chicago markets by two to seven cents, and lower than the New York market by two cents. New Orleans is the highest butter market in the country, at 43 cents. The market for eggs ranges from 30 in Ahoskie to 45 in Salisbury, the latter the only market in the State paying such figures. The average price over the State is 40 cents. We find by Mr. Camp's report that Charlotte is paying $4.50 a barrel for Irish potatoes. White potatoes are a dollar higher in Charlotte than in Asheville, but 50 cents lower than in Durham. So, where Durham gains on butter, it loses on potatoes. Charlotte pays New York quotations on potatoes, but is cheaper than Cincinnati and some Northern and Eastern markets. Greensboro and Winston-Salem are the lowest corn markets in the State—$1 a bushel, while Maxton is the best, at $1.25. None of the Western farmers is getting as much as a dollar a bushel for their corn, the quotations ranging from $1 to 96. Greensboro and Raleigh pay from $4 to $5 a barrel for apples, but Asheville is supplied at the rate of $3. Mr. Camp's report would seem to indicate that the farmers of North Carolina are getting the top of the market for every variety of products, and they ought to be feeling good.—Charlotte Observer.

LEAVES WIFE TO PREACH

Prisoner Says He Hadn't Money For Family and Studies.

(Philadelphia Record.)

John W. Berge, a student for the ministry at the Pennington Seminary in New Jersey, taken before Judge Brown in the Domestic Relations court, yesterday, admitted that he had deserted his wife and child in this city because he found it impossible to support them and study for the ministry at the same time.

Berge, who is 22 years old, said that the only money he earned was by pressing clothes for students at the seminary and by working in a glass factory in the summer. With this money he was able to pay for his maintenance. Naively, he declared that it was quiet impossible to support his wife and baby and the statement brought a severe rebuke from the court.

"Doesn't your conscience trouble you?" asked Judge Brown.

"No, it doesn't," said Berge.

Judge Brown made an order on Berge to pay $3 a week for the maintenance of his wife and child.

Last night the wife, a pretty little woman who looks more like 19 than her 22 years, was found at the home of her parents at 911 North Eleventh street.

"John was as lively a young man as one could find anywhere before we were married," she said. "He lived in Vineland with his parents and came up to see me regularly three times a week and sometimes oftener than that. He's a big athletic-looking man and didn't show any particular evidence of religion that I could notice.

"We were married on October 24, 1914. He worked in Vineland and I lived with my parents. He used to come up to town every night, but he never paid our board here or supported me. He used to go to church regularly when he was visiting his parents in Vineland, but he wasn't very particular about going on Sunday when he was up in town with me. He played cards, too, and was a regular sort of fellow. Then I had my baby. That was on June 11, 1915, and the very day the baby was born he walked out of the house without saying a word or seeing me and never came back. He never communicated with me and I concluded he wanted to desert me and did nothing.

"Would I live with him again if he offered me a home? Yes, I would go back to live with him because of the baby. I never objected to his studying for the ministry—at least I would not have objected if he had ever mentioned any such desire. I used to care for him, I do not now, but if he should make an effort to keep us I would live with him."

SAYS TROLLEYS ARE DOOMED

Expert Believes Storage Batteries Will Replace Overhead Wires.

(Los Angeles Express.)

One of the engineers on whose report the city of San Diego bought the Spreckels water system at a price that greatly gratified Mr. Spreckels is now urging the city of San Francisco to buy the United Railways.

In the present state of municipal transportation, with the certainty that economical storage batteries presently will be developed, we think it would be an act of business folly for any American city to buy a surface street car system. The trolleys of the United States will disappear within the next generation as completely as did the cable car in the last. Precisely as the trolley put the cable on the dump heap, so the storage battery will cause the trolley to be scrapped. The poles and wires that now disfigure the streets will disappear. The tracks themselves, expensive in installation and costly in maintenance, will lose their value. Surface transportation in American cities ultimately will be conducted by means of vehicles propelled by storage batteries along trackless roadways.

Organization still will be required. The maintenance of adequate and comprehensive service on regular routes will be conducted by corporations organized for that purpose. The increasing congestion caused by the cheapening of the motorcar will compel the universal construction of subways, the operation of will necessarily will remain a monopoly, whether under private or public control, but the use of the trolley, with its poles, its wires and its tracks, as factors in surface transportation is near to the end of its era.

Small wonder that owners wish to sell. Discounting the developments of the early future, we should say that the average surface trolley system in the average American city is not, in view of probabilities, actually worth the bonds issued against it, to say nothing of the stock. San Francisco will do well to wait and mark time.

KEEP THEM AT HOME.

Children Are Better Off There, This Writer Thinks.

(The Brenham Banner-Press.)

Children are better off at home. The streets are not maintained for playgrounds, and children who spend their time on the streets are courting dangers in more ways than one.

Automobile owners complain that children maliciously injure cars, by scratching the enamel, and doing other mischief. It should not be necessary to call the attention of parents to this matter more than one time. The kids are not only in danger of being run over by cars or other vehicles when playing on the business streets, but if caught in the act of carving their initials on any of the automobiles will doubtless be severely thrashed, regardless of whose offspring them might be.

Keep them at home.

Property rights should be observed. If parents train up the child in the way he should go, things of this kind would not happen.

Keep them at home.

Other cities have curfew laws, and children out after dark are taken in charge by the officers.

Surely it will not be necessary for the city authorities to take any action of this kind in Brenham.

Keep them at home.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

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I keep Black-Draught on hand all the time now, and when my children feel a little bad, they ask me for a dose, and it does them more good than any medicine they ever tried.

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Thedford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable, and has been found to regulate weak stomachs, aid digestion, relieve indigestion, colic, wind, nausea, headache, sick stomach, and similar symptoms.

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LOCAL LEGISLATION THAT COUNCIL WANTS

Wishes County to Pay Half of Expense of Health Department

Would Shift Burden of Up-Keep of Bridges Across Smith Creek to County Also—Civil Service for Fire and Police Chiefs.

The contribution by the county of half of the expense of the Health Department instead of one-fourth as under existing laws, the changing of the northern and eastern boundaries of the city so that the waters of Smith's and Burnt Mill creeks shall not be in Wilmington and the placing of the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department under civil service regulations are the local measures desired by City Council to be enacted into law at the approaching session of the General Assembly.

Resolutions setting forth the position of Council with reference to these changes and asking for legislation to carry out these provisions were discussed at a conference of the members of Council last night. The resolutions will be presented for adoption at a special session of Council to be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

All the members of City Council except Councilman Jones attended the conference last night. Mayor Moore presided at the meeting which was held in the Council Chamber. The resolutions had already been drawn up by City Attorney Robert Ruark. The conference was not lengthy, lasting only about an hour. Nothing except local questions were considered. No other local legislation will be asked for at the approaching session of the General Assembly.

A. B. Skelding, general manager of Tidewater Power Co., was present at the beginning of the conference to remind the councilmen of the provision in the lighting contract that "Council will use its best efforts to make the necessary changes in legislation to extend the contract for ten years." He was informed that the proper resolution would be drawn and adopted at the proper time.

Another resolution discussed was one that expresses the opinion of the present Council that the bonds of the city of Wilmington to the amount of $96,000 and bearing interest at 6 per cent., which mature January 1, 1918, should be paid at maturity out of the sinking fund of the city.

Would Extend Act.

While the resolution asking for the extension of the Civil Service act to include the Chief of Police and Chief of the Fire Department is aimed ostensibly to free these departments of political influence, there are some who profess to believe that this is an effort to keep the present heads of these departments in office without regard to the wishes of the people. The proposed resolution follows:

"Whereas, experience teaches that in order to obtain the best results in municipal government officers of such municipality whose duties are entirely administrative should be free from political influence, either direct or indirect, and should be appointed to and retained in office solely by reason of fitness and capacity to perform the duties of the office to which they may be appointed, thus insuring the impartial and diligent performance of the duties of their respective offices;

"Therefore, be it Resolved,—By the council of the city of Wilmington that the City Attorney be requested to prepare an act to be submitted to the General Assembly of North Carolina at its session of 1917 so amending the present charter of the city as to place the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department of the city under civil service in like manner as the members of the Police and Fire Department now are, to the end that the tenure of office of the Chief of Police and of the Chief of the Fire Department of this city be made to depend solely upon the fitness, capacity and impartial performance by said officers of the duties of their respective offices."

Would Shift Burden.

Ever since the boundaries of the city were extended by the last Legislature so as to include the waters of Smith's creek and also of Burnt Mill creek, there has been much protest because it was felt the city had been given a burden without receiving a corresponding benefit and that the up-keep of bridges across the streams was a legitimate expense upon the county. The resolution expressing the view of Council follows:

"Whereas, at the session of the General Assembly in 1915 the boundaries of the city of Wilmington were changed by amendment to the charter of said city, making the northern and eastern short of Smith's creek the boundary on the northern and eastern portions of said city, thus including within the boundaries of said city numerous bridges; and,

"Whereas, the fixing of such boundaries works an injustice to the tax payers of said city and imposes upon said city an expense previously borne by the county of New Hanover; and,

"Whereas, when said boundaries were changed certain roads or portions of roads theretofore located outside of said city were placed within said city, and the cost of building and maintaining such roads and bridges has hereby been imposed upon said city, said city in the meantime having decreased its tax rate, while the county of New Hanover has increased its tax rate, thus diminishing the ability of the city and augmenting the ability of the county to bear the expense of maintaining and keeping in repair the bridges across Smith's creek and sterams tributary therto; and,

"Whereas, the county of New Hanover secures 80 per cent of its revenus from taxes upon persons and property within the city of Wilmington and should therefore in some degree assist in providing for the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of said city;

"Therefore, Resolved,—That the City Attorney be requested to prepare an act to be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly by which the northern and eastern boundaries of the

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CITY TURNED TOPSY TURVY

Presence of Whiskey Odors on Street Brought Great Consternation to People of Wilmington

The odor of strong whiskey along three blocks of Princess street yesterday afternoon brought consternation and amazement to the populace traversing that section of Wilmington and threatened for a time to impede all traffic. Psychologists have debated much about the perceivability of the idea but there was no doubt yesterday as to the prevalence of a strong smell though considerable speculating was done as to its source.

One of Wilmington's fair young women was greatly chagrinned upon stopping a gentleman friend to find the odor of whiskey upon his breath. She asked about his health in a few short words, and with an effort refrained from expressing her indignation over his drinking. A block further she met another young man and found the same odor. She arrived at the conclusion forthwith that all of her friends were celebrating by drinking corn whiskey. She went straight home determined not to speak to another soul. She doesn't like corn whiskey.

A visiting minister, who has heard much about the strict prohibition laws in force in Wilmington, was astounded to find the city smelling like the interior of a well stocked saloon. He decided that the press had been muzzled or else Wilmington was taking a week off.

Business men who hadn't had a whiff in long years rushed from their offices and stores to find out the cause of the pungent odor that permeated the atmosphere like a London fog. They stopped pedestrians and found them smelling like whiskey barrels and yet they seemed to be perfectly normal otherwise. It was past their comprehension.

Until late last night that two blocks on Princess street between Fourth and Second as well as several blocks on Third continued to be perfumed with the odor of the vile smelling stuff. The crowds stopped, wondered and then passed on without being any the wiser, for they couldn't find out the source as the scent seemingly came from nowhere in particular.

Thirty gallons of booze emptied into the gutter in front of the County Court House by County Officer H. Mack Godwin and Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly started all the trouble. It was many months ago that the Wilmington police department in the routine of its daily work seized a keg of corn whiskey. Since that time it had safely reposed in the city's warehouse for such packages. Yesterday it was decided to place it where it could not harm anyone and an order for its destruction was secured from Recorder George Harriss.

A crowd of thirty mortals, who had failed to get a single drop of the ardent during the holidays, looked on while the precious fluid was being poured into the streets. They could regale their nostrils without feeling like criminals and they enjoyed it—at least most of them seemed to.

A pickaninny stole through the crowd and making a cup of his cap got a couple of spoonfuls of the liquid and ran away happy. A member of the sanitary police force improvised a cup out of a piece of paper and departed with happiness written upon every feature. This was the only whiskey he got for Christmas and will be the last for the year.

Motormen stoped the street cars long enough so their passengers could get the full benefit of the odor. Automobilists drew up at the curbing and cursed the fates that allow such things to happen.

Sheriff George C. Jackson, Recorder George Harriss and many other officials of the city and county government as representatives of the law stood by to preserve order until the last drop had been drained from the keg.

Thus it happened.—

DR. TANKERSLEY TO REOPEN HARPER SANITARIUM HERE

Greensboro Physician Expected In City Today to Make Final Plans

According to announcement made in Wilmington yesterday, Dr. James W. Tankersley of Greensboro, was expected to arrive in the city today to begin preparations for the reopening of Harper's Sanitarium at Front and Castle streets.

Dr. Tankersley was in Wilmington a short time ago, and went over the building and proposition with the owner of the building, Mrs. Charles T. Harper. He expressed himself as favorably impressed with the field, and has made arrangements for the reopening of the hospital, which has been closed since late in 1915.

The building was originally used by Dr. Charles T. Harper as a sanitarium for those suffering from special diseases. It contains 30 rooms on the second and third floors in addition to a modern operating room and other modern conveniences and appliances. It is understood that Dr. Tankersley's announcement cards will be sent out shortly.

TO GIVE JOINT EXHIBITION

Y. M. C. A. And Y. W. C. A. Will Have Society on New Year's Night

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. will hold a joint gymnastic exhibition and social in the Y. M. C. A. building on New Year's night. The social feature of the evening will begin at 8:30 and will be followed by the athletic work at 9:15.

The girls from the "W" will give two gymnastic dances and a military drill while their brothers from the Market street institution will do a number of gymnastic stunts. The evening's festivities will close with a volley ball game between the boys and girls of the Wilmington high school.

MR. ROY THOMAS DEAD

Former Wilmington Man Passed Away in Washington Christmas.

News was received in Wilmington yesterday of the death of Mr. Roy Thomas, son of Mr. J. H. Thomas, of Wilmington, which occurred in Garfield hospital in Washington on Christmas Day, following an operation. Interment was made in Washington in the private plot of Mr. Thomas' wife, Mrs. Pearl Y. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was 44 years old, and was connected with the hydrographic office of the United States Navy. His mother, Mrs. J. H. Thomas, died in Wilmington last week.

TO BE PUT IN OPERATION

Creamery Expert States That Local Plant Will Be Operated Within Month—Mr. Bock's Letter

Within a month Wilmington will have an up-to-date creamery in operation which will result in the extension and improvement of the dairying enterprises in New Hanover and adjoining counties, is the statement of Mr. G. M. Bock, the University of Wisconsin expert, who arrived here recently to take charge of the technical end of the business for the A. C. Warren Ice Cream Company.

This statement is contained in a letter to Mr. Allen Maull, Advertising and development agent for the Atlantic Coast Line, which seeks the co-operation of the company in the plan to encourage dairying on a larger scale.

Mr. Bock is enthusiastic concerning the possibilities of raising the average milk production in the county. It is interesting to recall in this connction that a larger per cent of cows placed on monthly tests in some of the more progressive dairying counties of this State failed to show a profit in their year's production. The result shows that there were a number of herds in which a large percentage of the cows did not pay their board. Boarder cows it is pointed out, are only fit for the butcher. It is believed that if such cows are gotten rid of by New Hanover country dairymen, it will result in greatly increased production and dairy men will be better able to pay the present high prices for feed.

Mr. Bock writes the Atlantic Coast Line official as follows:

"It will perhaps interest you to learn that after February 1st, 1917, Wilmington will have an up-to-date creamery in operation. This company has, since December 1st, furnished the city with about 75 per cent of its milk supply, having bought out a number of smaller dealers, thus securing sufficient volume of milk to make a pasteurized milk plant possible.

"As soon as the necessary equipment is installed, we will be able to manufacture butter and other dairy products for which there is a splendid market in this and adjacent cities of Eastern Carolina.

"It is our intention to buy separated cream from the farmers direct, although we may consider the establishment of a few cream buying stations and employ agents to gather and ship the raw material to us.

"The dairy industry is a comparatively new enterprise in this section, and it will take a good deal of time and educational work to bring the farmers to a realization of the advantages and benefits derived from this method of farming.

"As representative of the transportation company from whose territory we expect to draw the greater part of our cream, we solicit your support and co-operation in our effort to benefit ourselves, Wilmington and the farming population of Eastern Carolina."

DONATIONS TO HOME

Entertainments by Churches Appreciated by Catharine Kennedy Home

The entertainment given at the Catherine Kennedy Home in December by members of the First Presbyterian church as well as the donations were heartily appreciated by the inmates. The singing by the choir of the church of the Good Shepherd was another enjoyable feature. The following donations are acknowledged with grateful thanks by the management of the institution:

Two years' subscription to the Daily Dispatch from S. Thorpe, a friend, $25; W. H. Sprunt, individual gift to each member of the home; a friend, punch, and cake; Tuesday afternoon social, $5; Mrs. G. R. French, coffee; Dr. James Sprunt, fruit and cake; King's Daughters, Christmas bags; donation from Kress' to each individual; ice cream, Jewish Sunday school; St. James' Junior Auxiliary, candy; Mrs. R. E. Williams, bunch of bananas; Mrs. R. A. Montgomery, fresh meats; Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; a friend, coffee; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, groceries; Hall & Ross, Malaga grapes; Mrs. Geo. O. Gaylord, turkey; Mrs. Alex. Yeager, merchandise; Bear Produce Co., crate of Oranges; Mrs. Phil Pearsall, basket of oranges; Mrs. L. K. Taylor, fruit; J. M. Solky, turkey; Mrs. Geo. O. Gaylord, cord of wood; drugs from R. R. Bellamy and J. Hicks Bunting; ice daily from the Plate and Independent ice companies.

MRS. PARMELE DEAD.

Passed Away at Residence Here Yesterday Afternoon—Funeral.

Mrs. Sarah A. Parmele, 85 years old, died yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at her residence, No. 316 North Third street, following an illness of several months.

Mrs. Parmele was the widow of the late Charles Parmele. She was born in New Haven, Conn., but removed to Goldsboro just before the War Between the States. Shortly after the war she came to Wilmington with her family and had lived here ever since. She was a member of Grace Methodist church.

Besides a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edgar G. Parmele, of this city, she is survived by two grand-daughters, Mrs. G. A. Cardwell, of Wilmington, and Mrs. John Archer Elmore, of Montgomery, Ala.; and two grand-sons, Mr. Chas. B. Parmele, of this city, and Mrs. Benjamin J. Parmele, now traveling in South America.

In order that the remains may be taken to Goldsboro on the 8 o'clock train this morning for interment in the cemetery there by the side of her husband, funeral services were held at the residence last night at 9:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace Methodist church.

COL. METTS MAY BE PROMOTED

Rumored He Will Succeed Col. Rodman in Command of Second Regiment.

Considerable interest has been aroused in Wilmington over the rumor that Lieut.-Col. J. VanB. Metts, who is temporarily in command of the Second North Carolina regiment on the border, is to be promoted to the grade of colonel and assigned to the command of the Second regiment.

Col. Wiley C. Rodman, who has been commanding the Second, has resigned, and as Lieutenant-Colonel Metts is one of the senior ranking lieutenant-colonels of the brigade, it is probable that he will be advanced to the position. He is a native of Wilmington, and has for many years been a member of the North Carolina militia.

LIKES BALLOT SYSTEM HERE

Western Carolinians Want Local or Australian System Extended to Whole State—Has Been Success

Wilmingtonians who are inclined to be critical of the city's hybrid form of government and to champion the Asheville form which has worked wonders in the efficient and business-like handling of the affairs of the mountain metropolis, will learn with interest that with respect to its election machinery, at least, New Hanover county is envied by residents of Buncombe county.

For several weeks since the beginning of the Britt-Weaver election contest, people of that section of the State have been advocating the Australian ballot system for North Carolina. Learning that this system had been in operation in this county for a number of years, Mr. Rogers, formerly of this city but now of Asheville, gave an interview on the system to a reporter for the Asheville Citizen recently, which reads as follows:

"New Hanover county has had the Australian ballot system now for seven or eight years," said L. B. Rogers of the Rogers Wholesale Grocery company, yesterday. "There is absolutely no question as to its entire success there. The people would not consider for one moment going back to the old system of voting."

Wilmington, New Hanover county's largest city and North Carolina's seaport, was formerly the home of Mr. Rogers, who earnestly advocates the adoption of the Australian ballot throughout the State and who introduced at the last meeting of the Asheville Rotary club a resolution commending that system.

"The people, the rank and file of North Carolina's citizenship," continued Mr. Rogers, "want this system. I have just received letters from two of Wilmington's most prominent business men. They say there is no criticism of the Australian ballot there. One of the letters contains this phrase: 'The politicians are not so sure of the majorities to be rolled up as they were before the adoption of this plan,' while the Australian ballot may work a hardship on the politician it means a fair and honest count of all the ballots cast by the people.

"It is really a secret ballot. The booths in Wilmington are fifteen feet from the crowd which is, always to be found around a polling place. The room where the voter prepares his ballot is private. There is no one in the room with him. If he does not understand how to prepare his ballot one of the election officials is allowed to show him, but is not allowed to actually mark or deposit that ballot. All the ballots are numbered. The voter is allowed to spoil two. If he spoils the third he cannot vote. All of the ballots that are spoiled must be accounted for by the officials of that booth. If the voter is under the influence of liquor he is not allowed to vote at all.

"The Australian ballot system is simple, easily understood, guards against corruption at the polls and means a secret ballot. Its demonstrated success in New Hanover is a sufficient argument for its adoption throughout the state. I believe that the time is ripe now for its adoption in North Carolina, and trust that the general assembly will enact the necessary legislation."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CARR RETIRES FROM LAW FIRM

Will Hereafter be Engaged in Practice in Murchison Building.

As announced several weeks ago, United States District Attorney J. O. Carr will on January 1st retire from the law firm of Rountree, Davis & Carr and will open an office for the continuance of the private practice of law on the ninth floor of the Murchison building. Judge George Rountree and Thos. W. Davis, Esq., will continue the practice of law in the offices now occupied by the firm of Rountree, Davis & Carr. Handsomely printed announcements of the change have been sent out, reading as follows:

We beg to announce that on January first, 1917, Mr. J. O. Carr, who has been appointed United States District Attorney, will retire from the firm of Rountree, Davis & Carr, and will open an office on the ninth floor of the Murchison National Bank Building for the continuance of the practice of law. Judge Rountree and Mr. Thomas W. Davis will continue the practice of law in the offices now occupied by the firm of Rountree, Davis & Carr, under the firm name of Rountree & Davis.

GEORGE ROUNTREE,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
J. O. CARR.
Wilmington, North Carolina.

MRS. L. W. PINER DEAD

Young Woman Passed Away Yesterday at Jas Walker Memorial Hospital.

Friends regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Annie E. Piner, wife of Mr. L. W. Piner, which occurred yesterday morning at 9:25 o'clock at the James Walker Memorial hospital after a long illness. She was 36 years old and a native of this city. She was a faithful member of Immanuel Presbyterian church.

Surviving besides her husband are one sister, Miss Janie Watson, and one brother, Mr. W. F. Watson, both of this city. The funeral wil lbe held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, No. 212 Wright street, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT

Several Offenders Against the Law Are Taxed With the Costs.

Recorder George Harriss was lenient with those appearing in his court yesterday with the result that they were all let off with the costs. Levy Robinson, colored, charged with housebreaking, will have a hearing this morning. Elisha Holden, colored, paid the costs for an assault and "Baby" Taylor, also colored, charged with a similar offense, was also let off with the costs.

Mr. C. W. Lassiter, charged with violating the automobile ordinance, was discharged upon payment of the costs.

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EMPLOYES GIVEN BANQUET

Enjoyable Affair Held at Home of Mr. D. L. Gore—Business Discussed.

The employes of the D. L. Gore Company ask The Star to state that they wish to thank Mr. D. L. Gore, president, for the usual annual banquet, which was given them at his residence, No. 608 Dock street, on Thursday evening.

A very delicious supper was served in courses, each guest being presented with a card bearing the greetings of the season. After supper had been served the officers of the company, together with the employes, engaged in a discussion of how to better conduct business during the company year.

The D. L. Gore Company has recently bought the right to a well established brand of merchandise, known as "Serv-Us." Their sales department will be represented at the annual "Serv-Us" convention which will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., in February.

C. E. LEADER COMING

Mr. Wyatt A. Taylor, of Columbia, S. C., Will Make Addresses Here.

Mr. Wyatt A. Taylor, of Columbia, S. C., former president of the South Carolina Christian Endeavor Union, but now field secretary of the All-South Extension committee, will be in North Carolina in the interest of the work for six weeks beginning in January. Mr. Taylor is thoroughly familiar with every phase of Christian Endeavor work in the South and the leaders of the movement feel that they have been fortunate in securing his services.

Wilmington is perhaps the strongest Christian Endeavor center in the State and Mr. Taylor will make several addresses here early in January. A number of engagements for him to speak at other places have already been made.

—Lizzie Miller, a colored damsel, didn't like some remarks made by her friend, Lela Tate, and had the later indicted for slander. Justice McGowan heard the evidence yesterday afternoon and decided that the charge was frivolous and malicious and taxed the prosecutrix with the costs.

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Dark Blue Pokadot Work Shirts, with two collars to match; was worth $1.00 each at the old prices; now reduced to close @ 79c

Ladies' Trimmed Hats at 25¢ and 48¢

Ladies' Trimmed and untrimmed, velvet and felt hats; last season's styles; values up to $5.00; to close @ .... 25c and 48c

Ladies' Gingham House Dresses at 69¢

Made from fast colored blue and white striped ginghams; neat plain style; elbow sleeve; all sizes at 69c

Children's 25c Hose for 19¢

Children's Cadet Hose; sizes 5 to 8 only; all black and fast colors; priced 19c

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. Owen F. Cobb, of Chester, Pa., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. N. G. Shaw, No. 308 North Front street.

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Miss Masten and Mr. Percy Masten, Jr., of Winston-Salem, are visiting at the home of Mrs. H. L. Vollers.

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Lumberton Robesonion: "Miss Evelina Beckwith went yesterday to Wilmington, where she will spend several days visiting friends."

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Mr. Ira Cates returned last night from Durham, where he spent several days with his father. Mrs. Cates will remain in Durham for several days yet.

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Mr. I. W. Cooper and family have moved from No. 912 North Fourth street to East Wilmington, where Mr. Cooper has recently purchased a home.

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Yesterday's Greensboro News: "Mr. and Mrs. John M. Geary and baby returned to Wilmington yestrday aftr spnding th holidays with Mrs. Gary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Brown."

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Miss Edna Shaw, of No. 308 North Front street, has as her house guests Miss Mary Lou Cobb, of Salemburg; Miss DeLisle Cobb, of High Point, and Miss Annie Lamb, of Red Springs.

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The many friends of Mrs. R. C. Merritt, who was operated on for appendicitis at the James Walker Memorial hospital, will be glad to learn that she is reported as resting comfortably.

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Mrs. W. E. Lawson has returned from a visit to relatives at Winston-Salem. She was accompanied home by her sister-in-law, Miss Lillian Lawson, who will remain in the city several days.

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Mrs. J. C. Stewart, who is spending the winter in Philadelphia, arrived in the city yesterday to spend a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Washington, D. C.

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Secretary J. B. Huntington, of the Y. M. C. A. returned yesterday from Charlotte, where he spent the Christmas holidays with his father, Mr. G. C. Huntington. Mrs. Huntington and children will not return until next week.

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An oyster roast will be given at Lumina this afternoon, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church. Special cars will carry the party to the beach, leaving the "Electric Centre" at 3 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Dlugin gave an informal dance last evening in honor of Misses Jennie and Frances Land, of Durham, the attractive house guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Land. A two course luncheon was served and dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

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Misses Dorothea and Lilias Quelch entertained a number of their friends at the residence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Quelch, No. 606 Walnut street, Wednesday evening. A number of interesting games were played, and a delightful refreshment course was served.

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Clarkton Journal: "Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lindsay, of Blenheim, S. C., and Miss Bertha Gooden, of Wilmington, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gooden.——Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skiner, of Bennettsville, S. C., and Mr. Neill Russ, of Wilmington, spent Christmas with Mrs. Janie Russ."

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Rev J. C. Wooten, pastor of Memorial Methodist church in Durham, and Mrs. Wooten are spending a few days in the city on a visit to relatives. Mr. Wooten is pleasantly remembered here as a former pastor of Grace Methodist church and Mrs. Wooten is a daughter of the late C. W. Yates.

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Rev. J. H. McCracken, the new pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, and family have arrived in the city and are now occupying the church parsonage on South Fifth avenue. They spent the past ten days visiting relatives in Orange county. Mr. McCracken will preach at both services in his church tomorrow.

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A masquerade party was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Farrar at their home in South Wilmington on Thursday evening from 8:45 to 12 o'clock as a surprise in celebration of Mr. R. S. Brown's birthday. About 25 couples were in attendance. Music was furnished by Mr. Long with violin, accompanied by Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Bennie Lane. Solos by Mr. J. B. Sebrel and clog dancing by Messrs. Bennie Lane and Percy Thorpe were enjoyable features of the evening. The home was beautifully decorated in holiday colors. Delicious refreshments were served.

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Announcement has been received in Wilmington of the enagement of Miss Laviece Swin Chambliss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chambliss, and Lieut. James Franscis Oliver, U. S. A. The marriage will take place in February. Miss Chambliss' home is in Asheville while Lieut. Oliver is a native of Mt. Olive. They will make their home in the Philpines where Lieutenant Oliver is stationed.

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MISS FLORA THOMPSON IS BRIDE OF MR. L. B. TOWNSEND

McDonald, N. C., Dec. 29.—A wedding of unusual interest took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson, near McDonald, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Flora, became the bride of Mr. Lester B. Townsend, formerly of Lumberton. It was a quiet home marriage and only a few intimate friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of the bride.

The bride and groom are well and favorably known and have numerous friends throughout Robeson county and elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend left immediately after their marriage for a trip South. They will make their home at Spartanburg, S. C.

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The Children's Auxiliuary of the Temple of Israel gave a delightful masquerade ball at Harmony Circle Hall on South Front street Thursday evening. The hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion, and with the unique and quaint costumes of the guests formed a pretty picture. Miss Carolina Bear won the prize for being the best costumed person present under 16 years of age, and Mr. Louis Stein took the honor for those over 16. Mr. Stein's portrayal of a Dutch comedian was excellent.

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RALEIGH COUPLE MARRIED IN WILMINGTON THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Turner T. Wellons, of Raleigh, who were married here on December 27th, have returned to Raleigh. Mrs. Wellons was formerly Miss Goldie Prince Stevenson, of Raleigh.

Miss Stevenson is well known in that city having been connected with the millinery department of several Raleigh establishments. Mr. Wellons holds a responsible position as cashier of the Seaboard freight depot in the same city.

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DELIGHTFUL CARD PARTY AND DANCE THURSDAY NIGHT

Miss Masten and Mr. Percy Masten, Jr., of Winston-Salem, were the guests of honor at a delightful card party and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Struthers at their home on North Eighth street on Thursday evening. Cards were played until 10:30 and after refreshments were served the party went to the Germania Club, where a dance was given until 1:30 a. m. Music was furnished by the West-Whitlock orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vollers and Mr. and Mrs. William Struthers, Jr., were chaperones for the party.

The couples attending the party and dance were: Miss Masten, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. Kenneth Otten; Miss Myrtle Vollers and Mr. Masten; Miss Vollers and Mr. L. W. Wessell; Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wessell; Miss Wessell and Mr. Louis Hanson, Jr.; Miss Mabel Wessell and Mr. William Vollers; Miss Gieschen and Mr. C. J. Fick; Miss Fick and Mr. J. H. Gerdes; Miss Rehder and Mr. F. W. Fick; Miss Schulken and Mr. G. H. Gerdes; Miss Gerdes and Mr. C. H. Butler; Miss Haar and Mr. Louis Schutt; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wessell; Miss Polvogt and Mr. Victor Stonebanks; Miss Cheek and Mr. J. G. Oldenbuttel; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Struthers; Miss Zoeller and Mr. LeRoy Polvogt; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Banck; Mr. Carrol Green.

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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

A most enjoyable and delightful Christmas entertainment was given at Calvary Baptist church last night by the members of the Sunday school. There was a large audience present and the exercises went off in fine shape The opening feature was the playing of graphophone selections by Mr. W. G. T. Keen after which the pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, made the invocation.

The audience was captivated with the splendid readings by Misses Dorothy Boone, Mildred Robbins and Frances Sullivan. The singing of "Silent Night" by Miss Louise Sullivan was greatly appreciated. Others features included drills and songs by the children after which Mr. George Leftwich made a very inspiring and helpful address. The benediction was pronounced by Mr. J. W. Hollis, superintendent of the Sunday school, who presided at the exercises.

Two prizes, donated by Mr. S. F. Garrison, were presented on behalf of the school by the pastor to Misses Louise Sullivan and Mildred Pridgen for memorizing the church covenant. A gift of appreciation was presented to Miss Mabel Woodard, the church organist, for her faithful service during the year.

Following a custom inaugurated several years ago, the children of the school instead of receiving gifts of candy and fruits carried basket dinners to the needy on Christmas day and gave fruits to the shut-ins.

TO EXTRADITE NEGRO

County Solicitor is Drawing Requisition For "Son" Darling.

County Solicitor E. T. Burton is preparing requisition papers for Harry Gose, colored, alias Son Darling, who was recently arrested by the Philadelphia police and who is wanted here for highway robbery.

Sheriff Geo. C. Jackson received the following telegram yesterday from the authorities in Philadelphia: "Mail us warrant immediately for Harry Gose. Gets further hearing January 1st. Will have him held for you. Requisition papers will be necessary. The warrant was mailed yesterday and the other papers will be forwarded to Governor Locke Craig for signature as soon as they are prepared. Two deputies will probably have to be sent from here after the negro when the papers are signed.

GOES TO CHARLOTTE

Prominent Greensboro Hotel Man Will Be With the Mecklenburg

Wilmington friends of Mr. J. P. Sanders, of Greensboro, and Mr. W. C. Petty, of Charlotte, will be interested to know that these two prominent hotel men have become associated in the management of the Mecklenburg Hotel in Charlotte.

Mr. Petty has been in charge of the Mecklenburg since it was opened early in 1914. Mr. Sanders has holdings in many of the leading hostelrie throughout the State. He is interested in The Stonwall in Charlotte, the Yadkin in Salisbury, the Lafayette in Fayetteville, and the Huffine in Greensboro. He will move to Charlotte Monday.

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MASS MEETING TONIGHT

All Citizens of County are Invited to Assemble at Court House to Give Views on Legislation.

In order that there may be a definite expression of views on the part of the people of New Hanover county as to what legislation they desired enacted into law at the approaching session of the State Legislature, Representative-elect L. Clayton Grant has invited all persons interested to assemble in mass meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the county court house.

A number of citizens and taxpayers have approached Mr. Grant and complained about a number of things. Without attempting to pass on the merits of either complaints about the city and county government, Mr. Grant states that if these people who have approached him in private will state their cases in public, they will receive all the consideration they deserve.

In this connection, he added that at the recent mass meeting called by he knew not whom, it had been reported that some people were preparing bills in private which they hoped to have "railroaded" through the Legislature. He declared that bills presented to him for introduction the subject-matter of which has not been made public and discussed in open, will receive but scant consideration from him. Anyone who has any suggestion to make with reference to proposed legislation is invited to attend the meeting tonight and give expression to his views.

The New Hanover representative desires, for his information and guidance, to know the will of the citizens generally on matters of vital interest locally, and believes that a full and free discussian of these matters will serve to clarify the situation and enable him to reflect intelligently the wishes of the people in introducing all bills that will benefit all the people.

MR. SHRIER BUYS VALUABLE PROPERTY ON PRINCESS STREET

Closes Important Realty Deal With Citizens' Bank—Other Transfers

Several important real estate transfers, including that of the Citizens Bank to Marshall Shrier for the building and property next to the Peoples' Savings Bank on Princess street, were recorded yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds. Although the exact figures were not given, it is understood between $15,000 and $20,000 were involved in the purchase price, as the site of the property is very valuable.

Other deeds filed included the following: D. B. Leonard, guardian for Maggie Belle Leonard, to G. C. Bordeaux, property on Virginia street, $10 and other valuable considerations; Pelton Ellis and wife to N. F. Warren, property in Cape Fear township, consideration, $400 and other valuable considerations; C. L. Carter, of Wallace, to Z. J. and N. H. Carter, property on Nun St., consideration, $55.55.

NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT AT CAPE FEAR GOLF CLUB

Oyster Roast and Basket Dinner Will Be Enjoyable Feature of Day

According to usual custom, the members of the Cape Fear Country Club will have a big golf tournament on New Year's day, which comes next Monday, and from the number of applications received this event should be one of the biggest in the history of the club. An oyster roast and basket dinner at noon will be an enjoyable feature. This will be similar to the feast enjoyed on last Thanksgiving when so many of the members were present and it is expected that there will be an even larger number to attend this one.

The first event of the day, which will start upon the arrival of the 9 o'clock car, will be a bogie handicap 18 hole match play, open to all men members who have registered handicaps. In the afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock there will be a mixed foursome handicap match.

W. L. I. WANTS TO ATTEND PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION

For This Reason May Not Attend Governor Bickett's Inaugural.

Owing to the fact that many of the members of the company desire to attend the inauguration of President Wilson next March, it has not yet been decided whether or not the Wilmington Light Infantry will attend the inauguration of Governor T. W. Bickett in Raleigh in January. The North Carolina Coast Artillery Corps has been ordered to attend the inaugural exercises in Raleigh but as the W. L. I. had decided before these orders were issued to go to Washington, it may be arranged so that the local company can carry out their original intention.

The members of the company do not feel that they can attend both inaugurals and for that reason have delayed deciding to go to Raleigh. A definite decision will be reached Tuesday night.

COLD WAVE IS PROMISED

King Winter to be Ushered In With Cold Weather Today, and "Freezing" Temperatures Tomorrow.

After a week of cloudy weather and unseasonably warm temperatures, King Winter will be formally installed or instituted into office today with a cold wave, which will be marked by freezing temperatures either today or tomorrow, according to forecasts.

When the mercury climbed to a maximum of 76 degrees on Thursday, most Wilmingtonians who had purchased overcoats began to wonder whether they had not made useless expenditures. They also began to speculate if there was to be any winter at all, and began to believe that some scientist who had predicted a more tropical climate for the South Atlantic coastal sections on account of the reported shifting of the warm Gulf Stream closer inland, had the right dope.

"Our warm weather is gone," declared Observer Feiger yesterday afternoon, "and temperatures will drop to near freezing tomorrow morning and towards night will go down still lower."

According to the observations at the local bureau of the United States weather department, the temperature at 8 A. M. yesterday morning was 48 and by 8 P. M. had dropped to 45 degrees, the minimum temperature recorded was 44, while the mean for the day was 46.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Bethany Presbyterian church—Services Sunday evening at 7:30 with preaching by the pastor. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Watch-night services will be held Sunday midnight. The public is heartily invited to attend the services.

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor.—Sunday school at 10:15 a. m., with a special address by the pastor. Mid-week prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30. Visitors are cordially invited to these services.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor.—Services Sunday evening at 7:45. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7:45. Visitors will find a hearty welcome.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor.—Sabbath school at 9:45 in the morning. Sermon, communion and ordination of deacons at morning service. Joint services beginning the Week of Prayer at 7:30. Services of the Week of Prayer every evening of the week at 7:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4 in the afternoon. Intermediate Christian Endeavor at 7. Seats free. All welcome.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor.—Sabbath school at 10:30 in the morning. Preaching at 11:15. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome to all these services.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge.—Sabbath school at 9:30. Preaching at night at 7:30.

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., pastor.—Preaching by the pastor in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Morning subject: "The Blessings of Time." Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 7. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Pews are free and all are cordially invited to attend all services.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Public Library will be closed Monday, New Year's Day.

—Register of Deeds John Haar issued 58 marriage licenses during the month of December up until noon yesterday. 28 were for whites and 30 for negroes.

—Mr. G. W. Sheppard, a deacon in the Winter Park Presbyterian church and formerly a deacon in the Topsail Presbyterian church, will deliver an address in the latter church on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday were: M. S. Giles, Morganton; J. F. Bussells, Southport.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: Dr. J. W. Tankersley, Greensboro; James B. McGurley, Fort Caswell; W. S. Morris, Lewiston.

—Messrs. Jack Newman and Baxter Ozment have returned from Kerr, N. C., where they went on a hunting trip. They brought several dozen quail and report fine sport although the weather was unfavorable.

—Friends will regret to learn that Mr. John Schull, of Laurinburg, was brought to the James Walker Memorial hospital for an operation. He was accompaniedby Dr. Peter McLean and Mr. W. D. Kilpatrick.

WILL HOLD WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT TRINITY CHURCH

Congregation to Pray For Unifying Two Branches of Methodists.

A watch night service for the purpose of praying for the unification of the Northern and Southern branches of Methodism will be held at Trinity church beginning at 10 o'clock tomorrow night instead of the regular night service. At the same hour a service will be held in Baltimore at practically the same spot where the Methodist church was founded in America in 1744. The services at that time was held at 10 o'clock at night.

The services at Trinity tomorrow night will be under the direction of the pastor, Rev. W. V. McRae. There will be a special programme of exercises. The public is invited to attend.

DIED.

PARMELE—At her home, 316 North Third street, Wilmington, N. C., MRS. SARAH A. PARMELE, at 5:30 P. M., December 23, 1916.

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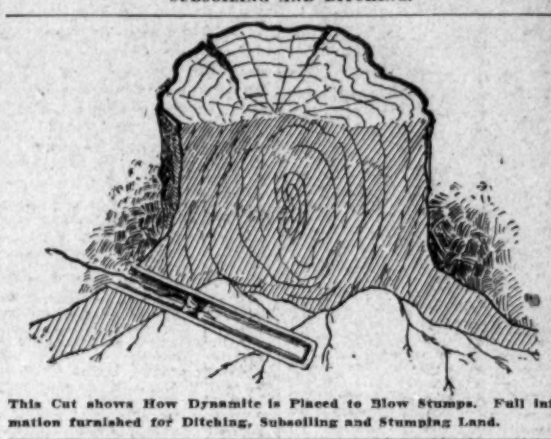

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

ANOTHER BREAK IN COTTON

Early Advance in Prices Fails to Hold, the General List Closing at Net Loss of 2 to 7 Points.

New York, Dec. 29.—An early advance was followed by another sharp break in the cotton market here today with March contracts selling off from 17.58 to 17.10 and closing at 17.27. The general list closed steady at a net decline of 2 to 7 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 8 to 11 points in response to relatively steady cables and bullish overnight spot news. Active covering and fresh buying carried May contracts up to 17.55 but demand then became less active. Spot orders were uncovered as prices worked off with May selling about 49 points below the high level of the morning.

At the net loss of 21 to 23 points, offerings were lighter, however, and the close showed rallies of 16 or 17 points from the lowest on covering.

Reports of a firmer tone in the market for marine war risks increased uneasiness as to the export situation. Otherwise there appeared to be no special feature emphasized around the ring and the break was attributed largely to lack of confidence among recent buyers, and the sensitiveness of a narrow market to comparatively small orders.

Futures closed:

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	17.13	17.25	16.80	16.99
March	17.39	17.58	17.10	17.27
May	17.72	17.85	17.36	17.52
July	17.77	17.88	17.40	17.57
October	16.23	16.38	15.90	16.06

Spot quet; middling uplands 17.25; sales 1,400 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.25; receipts 2,022; sales 1,200; stock 494,218.

Galveston—Middling 17.35; receipts 4,968; exports 9,150; sales 679; stock 366,379.

Mobile—Middling 17.00; receipts 302; stock 20,038.

Savannah—Middling 18.25; receipts 1,939; exports 13,618; stock 198,097.

Charleston—Receipts 410; stock 69,483.

Wilmington—Middling 16⅝; receipts 253; stock 50,874.

Texas City—Receipts 4,532.

Norfolk—Middling 16.88; receipts 412; sales 43; stock 113,910.

Baltimore—Exports 12,718; stock 2,420.

Boston—Middling 17.40; receipts 337; stock 9,147.

Philadelphia—Middling 17.50; receipts 25; stock 1,174.

New York—Middling 17.25; receipts 750; exports 1,387; stock 147,745.

Minor Ports—Receipts 2,723; exports 7,300; stock 48,730.

Atlanta (weekly)—Stock 87,248.

Total today—Receipts 18,723; exports 44,173; stock 1,522,315.

Total for week—Receipts 145,101; exports 135,853.

Total for season—Receipts 4,885,569; exports 3,118,728.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 17.00; receipts 5,273; shipments 9,797; sales 1,169; stock 275,630.

Memphis—Receipts 3,606; shipments 738; stock 327,296.

Augusta—Middling 17.50; receipts 525; shipments 1,400; sales 100; stock 154,929.

St. Louis—Middling 18.00; receipts 3,437; shipments 4,537; stock 31,521.

Cincinnati—Receipts 2,510; shipments 1,514; stock 25,836.

Little Rock—Middling 17.25; receipts 1,295; shipments 1,529; sales 1,529; stock 55,054.

Dallas—Middling 16.65; sales 1,783.

Montgomery—Middling 17.25.

Total today—Receipts 16,646; shipments 19,515; stock 870,265.

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Comparisons are to actual dates, not to close of corresponding weeks. In thousands bales:

In sight for week, 351.

In sight same seven days last year, 362.

In sight for the month, 1,744.

In sight same date last year, 1,870.

In sight for season, 8,851.

In sight same date last year, 7,505.

Port receipts for season, 4,885.

Port receipts same date last year, 4,168.

Overland to mills and Canada for season, 817.

Overland same date last year, 591.

Southern mill takings for season, 2,255.

Southern mill takings same date last year 1,782.

Interior stocks in excess of August 1st, 893.

Interior stocks last year, 963.

Foreign exports for week, 136.

Foreign exports same seven days last year, 81.

Foreign exports for season, 3,119.

Foreign exports same date last year, 2,264.

Northern spinners' takings and Canada for week, 32.

Northern spinners' takings same seven days last year, 42.

Northern spinners' takings for season, 1,506.

Northern spinners' takings to same date last year, 1,414.

Statement of World's Visible Supply.

Total visible this week, 5,640.

Total visible last week, 5,551.

Total visible same date last year, 6,008.

Of this the total American this week, 4,511.

Total American last week, 4,439.

Total American last year, 4,648.

All other kinds this week, 1,129.

All other kinds last week 1,112.

All other kinds last year, 1,361.

Visible in the United States this week, 2,736.

Visible in the United States this date last year, 3,103.

Visible in other countries this week, 2,904.

Visible in other countries this date last year, 2,906.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Hogs, weak, 15c under yesterday's average; bulk 10.10 to 10.50; light 9.60 to 10.20; mixed 9.55 to 10.55; heavy 10.05 to 10.60; rough 10.05 to 10.20; pigs 7.00 to 8.25.

Cattle—Strong; native beef cattle 7.25 to 11.80; western steers 7.25 to 10.00; stockers and feeders 5.20 to 8.15; cows and heifers 4.25 to 10.00; calves 9.00 to 13.00.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 9.10 to 10.25; ewes 6.50 to 9.85; lambs 11.25 to 13.00.

WEEKLY COTTON SUMMARY

Market Has Displayed Continued Nervousness—Some Uneasiness Over Shipping Conditions.

New York, Dec. 29.—The cotton market has shown continued nervousness during the past week but there have been rallies on covering and bullish Southern spot advices. May contracts, which sold at 16.45 on the decline of the previous week, rallied to 1829 Thursday but the market was unsettled today with May selling off to 17.36 under scattering liquidation and closing at 17.52, compared with 16.63 at the close of the previous Friday. The failure of demand to broaden further on the advances earlier in the week probably reflected increasing nervousness over shipping conditions.

The action of the British government in increasing its requisitions of ocean tonnage for grain and munitions evidently caused apprehensions of a falling off in the export movement with reports of firmness in marine war risks operating in the same direction. Some traders have also regarded the appointment of a London agent for the Federal Reserve Bank as tending to emphasize the difficulties of overseas trade under existing conditions, while the uncertainties of international affairs generally have likewise served to unsettle sentiment.

Liverpool has been relatively steady, with private cables reporting a continued absence of hedge selling and buying here was encouraged by reports that the hedged cotton brought out in the south by the recent break in contracts had been gradually absorbed. Rather a better tone has also been reported in the domestic goods situation, as a result of smaller offerings from second hands, and there have been reports of trade calling, but spot brokers say fresh buying has been restricted.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-11c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 37½c; rosin, $5.45 and $5.35; tar, $2.10; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS of new

Spirits Turpentine	1
Rosin	4
Tar	43
Crude Turpentine	17

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 20 barrels; tar, 60 barrels; crude turpentine 12 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—16⅞c; same day last year, 11½c.

Receipts—114 bales; same day last year, 248 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 73,712 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 135,372 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wimngton, Dec. 29.

Atlantic Coast Line—91 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 4 barrels rosin; 39 barrels tar; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—23 bales cotton. Str. Whitlock—4 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—114 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 4 barrels rosin; 43 barrels tar; 17 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 29.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 2 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 29.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.30; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 29.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 29.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal 5.14; molasses 4.27; refined quiet; fine granulated 6.85.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 9¾; Santos 4s, 10¾.

STOCKS EXTREMELY DULL

But Few Price Changes Recorded During Last Session of the Year—Rails Moderately Heavy

New York, Dec. 29.—With a triple holiday in prospect, the last day of the year in the stock market was characterized by excessive dullness and few price changes of importance.

Public interest was evidently at low ebb, even the bond division reflecting little or no inquiry. For the most part, trading was restricted to the usual favorites, with marked pressure against the motors and their subsidiaries.

Utilities, notably the gas shares, tobaccos, some of the papers, and leather were irregularly lower with moderate heaviness in rails. Equipments and munitions were somewhat mixed, Bethlehem Steel, however, rising 20 points with 1 to 2 for some of the other distinctive war shares. United States Steel broke moderately at the outset, but more than regained its loss, closing at a net gain of 1 1-4 points.

Oils were consistently strong. Coppers and shippings ruled firm to strong

Central Leather, Baldwin Locomotive, Pressed Steel Car and a few others of the same class were materially better, the entire list being at highest levels at the close.

Sterling exchange and marks were notably higher, but dealings in all remittances were nominal.

International bonds were stronger in the main, Anglo-French 5s recovering almost a point from yestrday's low record. Total sales of bonds par value $3,270,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	27
American Beet Sugar	89
American Can	48¼
American Car & Foundry	64½
American Cotton Oil	48¾
American Locomotive	76⅝
American Smelting	104
American Sugar	108½
American Tel. & Tel.	123⅝
American Tobacco	212½
American Zinc	37¾
Anaconda Copper	81¼
Atchison	103⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	117⅞
Baldwin Locomotive	57⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	84
Bethlehem Steel	525
Canadian Pacific	165¼
Central Leather	55
Chesapeake & Ohio	65
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	91½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	34
Colorado Fuel & Iron	44⅜
Consolidated Gas	131½
Corn Products	22¾
Crucible Steel	61⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	48½
Erie	34
General Electric	167
Great Northern pfd	117½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35¼
Goodrich	59¼
Illinois Central	105⅞
Inspiration Copper	56⅜
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	86⅛
International Nickel	41⅞
International Paper	45
Kansas City Southern	25⅝
Kennecott Copper	45⅛
Lehigh Valley, ex div.	78
Louisville & Nashville	132
Lggetit & Myers	277½
Lorillard Co.	222
Maxwell Motors	47
Mexican Petroleum	95
National Lead	58
New York Central	104
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	50½
Norfolk & Western	134
Northern Pacific	109¾
Pennsylvania	56¾
Ray Consolidated Copper	25½
Reading	101½
Republican Iron & Steel	77¼
Seaboard Air Line	17½
Seaboard Air Line pfd	27⅝
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	61⅜
Studebaker Corporation	103¾
Southern Pacific	96¾
Southern Railway	31⅞
Southern Railway pfd	69¾
Tennessee Copper	15⅝
Texas Company	235½
Union Pacific	147¼
United Fruit	149
United States Rubber	61
Unted States Steel	106¼
United States Steel pfd	119½
Utah Copper	101¾
Virginia Caro. Chem.	43
Wabash pfd "B"	30½
Western Union	96½
Westinghouse Electric ex div.	54⅝
Missouri Pacific W.I.	33

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 29.—Spot cotton steady; good middling 10.75; middling 10.63; low middling 10.47. Sales 6,000 bales; 1,000 for speculation and export; receipts 1,000 bales.

Futures quiet. January 10.31; January and February 10.31; February and March 10.35; March and April 10.43; April and May 10.46; May and June 10.52; June and July 10.51; July and August 10.51; August and September 10.26; September and October 9.94; October and November 9.82; November and December 9.74; December and January 9.69.

Official noon closing: December 10.37 value; December and January 10.37, value.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 29.—Heavy liquidation on the break in lard carried cotton seed oil off 17 to 26 points. Crude oil was easier. Outsiders showed no interest, even on the decline. Sales 34,700 barrels.

Market closed easy. Spot 11.95 bid; January 11.95 to 11.98; February 11.85 to 11.90; March 11.81 to 11.82; April 11.81 to 11.89; May 11.89 to 11.90; June 11.92 to 11.96; July 1.96 to 11.97; August 11.97 to 12.02.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 29.—Beeves steady; steers 7.00 to 10.00; bulls 5.50 to 8.50; cows 3.75 to 7.50.

Calves—Firm; veals 10.00 to 15.00; culls 9.00; barnyard calves 6.00 to 8.50; fed 7.00 to 9.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady; sheep 6.00 to 8.50; culls 4.00 to 5.25; lambs 12.60 to 14.15; culls 10.00.

Hogs—Firmer; light to heavy 10.50 to 10.90; roughs 9.50.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 30, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 48 degrees; at 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .05 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.19 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. Thursday, 4.2 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday and Sunday without decided temperature change.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 30, 1916.

Sun rises ..... 7:17 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 5:12 P. M.
Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	2:00	2:25	9:21	9:47
Southport	11:57	12:19	6:16	6:43
Masonboro Inlet	11:46	12:08	5:56	6:28

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 29, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.M.
Abilene	cldy	48	26	.0
Asheville	clear	42	38	.0
Atlanta	clear	58	42	.0
Augusta	clear	52	52	.16
Baltimore	clear	34	..	.0
Birmingham	clear	60	44	.0
Boston	clear	26	24	.0
Charleston	cldy	54	54	.12
Charlotte	clear	50	40	.0
Chicago	clear	14	2	.0
Galveston	cldy	60	56	.0
Jaxville	rain	74	64	.08
Memphis	clear	44	32	.0
Mobile	pt cldy	62	58	.02
Montgomery	clear	62	54	.02
N. Orleans	pt cldy	62	60	.04
New York	clear	32	26	.0
Oklahoma	clear	42	24	.0
Palestine	clear	58	42	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	22	20	.0
Raleigh	clear	46	38	.0
Savannah	rain	64	62	.22
Shreveport	cldy	54	40	.0
St. Louis	clear	30	22	.0
Washington	clear	34	32	.0

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Prices Go Still Lower Under Bearish Sentiment.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Notwithstanding continued export buying much bearish sentiment developed in the wheat market today owing mainly to indefinite peace rumors and to uneasiness over possibility of railway strikes. Quotations closed heavy ½ to ⅝c net lower with May at 1.70⅝ to 1.70⅞ and July to 1.38¼ to 1.38⅝. Corn and oats both finished ¼c off to a like advance. In provisions the result was a decline ranging from 22 to 1.05.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.70⅝; July 1.38¼.

Corn—May 92¼; July 91¾.

Oats—May 58¾; July 50⅝.

Pork—January 26.75; May 26.50.

Lard—January 15.10; May 15.57.

Ribs—January 13.65; May 14.17.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, nominal; No. 2 hard 1.79½; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 93 to 94; No. 4 yellow 89½ to 90½; No. 4 white 89½ to 91¼.

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Dec. 29.—Dun's Review tomorrow will say:

"Results during 1916 surpassed the most sanguine expectations, evidence of the unexampled business being found in every statement that appears. It has been a period of unprecedented achievements in finance, trade and industry, with the maintenance of consumptive demands in record volume, notwithstanding the highest prices of modern times, the outstanding feature. The year closes, however, with rather general abatement of purchasing. Certain hesitancy and slowing down is natural at this season, in view of the interruption caused by inventorying and annual settlements and the fact that in most cases requirements were covered far ahead of the previous extensive buying movement. The great accumulation of business is intensified by the transportation breakdown which has been aggravated by storms in some sections.

"Weekly bank clearings, $4,607,314,368."

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 29.—Cloth markets were quiet and steady today. Yarns were quiet. Wool markets were firmer. Ready-to-wear lines for spring were more active at manufacturing end.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 29.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4¼; sterling 60 day bills 4.71½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71¼; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.75⅝; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 75⅝; Mexican dollars 55¼. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds firm. Time loans easier; 60 and 90 days and six months 3¾ to 4. Call money, ruling rate, 3 per cent.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 29.—Turpentine firm, 52½ to 52¼c; sales 176; receipts 85; shipments 199; stock 23,250.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,276; receipts 1,666; shipments 2,975; stock 95,924. Quote: A B C D E F G, 6.20; H I, 6.25; K, 6.45; M, 6.65; N, 6.95; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.25.

DEATH AT MAXTON.

Mr. W. H. Lindsey, Engineer and Machinist, Passes Away.

Maxton, N. C., Dec. 29.—W. H. Lindsey died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at the residence of his father-in-law, M. H. Williams. He is survived by a widow and a little son. He had served several of the railroads as master machinist and locomotive engineer, and was located for some years in Columbia, S. C. Eight years ago he was stricken with rheumatism, from which he has been a great sufferer and confined to his room

Mrs. Lindsey is a sister of Messrs. P. M., Ernest, P. Lacy and Wayne Williams and Miss Bessie Williams, all of Maxton. Interment was at 10 o'clock this morning.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 8:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 3:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:36 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	19:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

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S. S. Chippewa...Saturday, December 30
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S. S. Chippewa...Tuesday, January 2nd
S. S. Cherokee...Saturday, January 13

Wilmington to New York

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25
S. S. Chippewa...Saturday, January 6th

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CLYDE STEAMSHIP CO,
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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railway of the South.

Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—8:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Bulletin of Special Round-Trip Rates from Wilmington, N. C.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA	$24.20
CHATTANOOGA, TENN	$22.35
CINCINNATI, OHIO	$27.90
MEMPHIS, TENN	$34.85
NASHVILLE, TENN	$27.75
NEW ORLEANS, LA	$27.65
RALEIGH, N. C.	$ 5.65
CHARLOTTE, N. C.	$7.00
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On sale Dec. 20 to 25th, inclusive, limited returning midnight, January 10th. Proportionately low rates between all points on the Seaboard and points West and Southwest.

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FROM WILMINGTON

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

$22.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$13.95—Atlanta, Ga.

Account Southeastern Land Show and the National Association of Builders Exchanges of the U. S. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 and Feb. 3, 10, 11 and 14, limited returning until Feb. 20, but may be extended to March 6th by depositing and paying $1.00.

$23.45—Pensacola, Fla.

$24.55—Mobile, Ala.

$28.75—New Orleans, La.

Account Mardi Gras Celebration. Tickets will be sold Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning until March 2nd, but may be extended until March 10th by depositing and paying $1.00.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South."

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSION FARES

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NEWS OF A DAY FROM THE STATE'S CAPITAL

Belk Chain of Stores Extended Into Rockingham

Judge Connor to Hold Court in Duplin; Judge Lyon in Bladen and Cumberland—Requisition Issued—Charters

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Governor Craig issued a requisition today on the governor of Virginia for Will Duckett, a negro wanted at Hamlet for housebreaking and larceny and now being held in Virginia for the Richmond county authorities.

An exchange of courts was approved today by Governor Craig whereby Judge George W. Connor will hold two weeks of Duplin county Superior court beginning January 8 and Judge Lyon will hold one week each of Bladen and Cumberland court beginning respectively January 8 and January 15.

The Queen City Printing and Paper Co. of Charlotte, amends its charter for increase of capital to $100,000. A. H. Murrill is president of the corporation.

Belks Invade Rockingham.

A charter is issued for the Stephenson-Belk Company, of Rockingham, Richmond county, capital $50,000 authorized and $15,000 subscribed by W. H. Belk, W. H. Matthews, and others, of Charlotte, and J. F. Stephenson, of Rockingham, and J. M. Belk, of Monroe. The company will do a general mercantile business, the business being one of the chain of Belk stores in this State.

An amendment to the charter of the Monroe Cotton Mills, of Lenoir, provides for the by laws to specify the time and place for the annual meetings of the corporation.

A charter is issued for the Supreme Council of The Order of The Eastern Star, with principal office in New Bern. It is a negro organization.

E. F. M'CULLOCH'S FRIENDS URGING HIS APPOINTMENT

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—Governor-elect Bickett is spending these days in the seclusion of his home in Louisburg instead of in his office in the quarters of the attorney general in the new State building here and, in the meantime, there is much "sawing of wood" on the part of those who will seek appointment at his hands. Having already announced that the place of private secretary will go to Editor Sanford Martin, of The Winston-Salem Journal, one of the best places still open, and one of the very best that is ever available through gubernatorial appointment is that of superintendent of the State's Prison, which has been filled for twelve years by J. S. Mann. Mann has told Mr. Bickett that he does not desire a reappointment, preferring to return to Hyde county and give his personal attention to his extensive interests there.

The friends of Mr. E. F. McCulloch, who has had long service as bookkeper at the prison, are anxious that the appointment as head of the institution go to him. Then J. R. Collie, who has served with marked success and fidelity as secretary to the Democratic State executive committee, is being urged for the place, and many believe that he has the "inside track" in the race. He is a fellow townsman of Mr. Bickett and a close friend and the odds are regarded as decidedly in his favor.

REFUSE TO DISCUSS NEWS PRINT PRICES

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day, are going ahead rapidly with their plans for constructing paper-making plants of their own. By the middle of 1918, said A. J. McIntyre, paper expert of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, the publishers will be virtually independent of the paper-makers.

A statement given out tonight by Frank P. Glass, chairman of the executive committee of the committee on paper of the American Newspaper Publishers Asosciation, said in part:

Chairman Glass Talks

"This investigation has been going on for over five months, having been initiated by a request of the Newsprint Manufacturers Association for such an investigation, the manufacturers claiming that an investigation would show that they had been conducting their business in the proper way. The Federal Trade Commission has apparently pursued the investigation more seriously and has gone further than the manufacturers anticipated when they made their request.

"The practical result is precisely that which I predicted in my statement to the commission on December 12th. There has been a delay of 17 days and nothing beneficial to the suffering newspapers has followed so far. In the meantime many contracts for tonnage for 1917 have been closed at the prevalent high prices resulting from the fright of publishers over the belief that a dangerous paper famine exists and this notwithstanding the Trade Commission earnestly requested the manufacturers to suspend making contracts until the hearings were finished.

"I hope and believe that the commission will make such a thorough report for conditions upon those manufacturers concerned that either the Department of Justice or Congress or both arms of the government may be able to devise substantial relief at an early day. If that is done the price of paper will soften materially in the next few months, bringing it to a point in reasonable relation to cost of production, which is not the case today in the judgment of the large majority of publishers."

"BOOZE" USED ON STREETS

Five Hundred Gallons Poured into Water Wagon at Phoenix, Ariz.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Five hundred gallons of whiskey, wines and beer were poured into a city water wagon here today and the streets of the business section sprinkled with the liquor. Two hundred automobiles and several floats formed a parade that followed the water wagon. A band played a dirge.

The liquor was confiscated in raids by the sheriff under the new Arizona prohibition law, and its disposition was ordered by superior Judge Stanford.

BLAMES WEATHER FOR HALTING THE SOMME OFFENSIVE

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forces which would otherwise have been employed against our allies in the east.

Enemy Losses Greater

"The third great object of the allied operations on the Somme was the wearing down of the enemy's powers of resistance. * * *. There is sufficient evidence to place beyond doubt that the enemy's losses in men and material were very considerably higher than those of the Allies while morally the balance of advantage on our side is still greater. During the period under review a steady deterioration took place in the morale of large numbers of the enemy's troops. Many of them, it is true, fought with the greatest determination even in the last encounters but the resistance of even larger numbers became latterly decidedly more feeble than in the early stages of the battle.

"Aided by the great depth of his defenses and by frequent reliefs, which his resources of men enabled him to effect discipline, and training held the machine together sufficiently to enable the enemy to rally and reorgonize his troops after each fresh defeat. But toward the end of th eoperations when the weather unfortunately broke, there is no doubt that his power of resistance very seriously dimished."

In mid-October came the Allies' great chance really to break through the German lines.

Checked By The Weather

"We had at last," writes General Haig, "reached the stage at which a successful attack might reasonably be expected to yield much greater results than anything we had as yet attained. The resistance of the troops opposed to us had seriously weakened in the course of recent operations and there is no reason to suppose that the effort required was not within our powers. * * *. Unfortunately at this juncture very unfavorable weather set in and continued with scarcely a break during the remainder of October and the early part of November.

"Poor visibility seriously interfered with the work of the artillery and constant rain turned the mass of hastily dug the trenches into channels of deep mud. The country road, broken by countless shell craters, rapidly became impassible, making the supply of food stores and ammunition a serious problem. These conditions multiplied the difficulties of attack to such an extent that it was impossible to exploit the situation with the rapidity necessary to enable us to reap to the full, the advantage we had ained."

NEXT MOVE IS UP TO RAILROAD MEN

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wait patiently, until that time, to find later that the railroad companies instituted injunction proceedings against the government enforcement of the 8-hour law, and at this time, the entire matter is in litigation, such litigation making it impossible for the special committee appointed by the President, as provided for in the law, to proceed with their investigation as of January 1, and the probability of additional litigation being commenced by the rail roads even though the law is declared constitutional by the Supreme Court will seriously affect such investigation, in fact can and likely will, delay the investigation until the commission cannot make its investigation as the law contemplates, thereby defeating the intent of the law and at the asme time postpone the benefits promised by the law, which will unquestionabl meet with general dissatisfaction among the membership of the railroac organizations.

"The entire situation is to be placed before the membership by special circular."

The brotherhood chiefs declined positively to interpret their statement. Mr. Lee was asked to explain whether the statement meant that a new strike vote might be ordered.

"You may make your own interpretation," was the reply.

"What interpretation is the public to make?" he was asked.

"Let the public make its own interpretation. We don't care what conclusions they draw."

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers said that the circular was sent out "to place the situation before the members, who are always consulted before any action is taken."

The circular contained no recommendation, he said, but an outline of the entire case.

None of the brotherhood chiefs would say whether a new strike could be called.

SAY THEY WERE FORCED TO MURDER THE REEVES FAMILY

Two Negroes Suspects Confess, Implicating Two White Men

Minden, La., Dec. 29.—Two negroes held as suspects in connection with the killing of five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves, near here Christmas eve, have confessed, the police say, implicating Henry Waller, a farmer, neighbor of Reeves, and John Long, a 20 years old youth. Long and Waller were arrested today and Long declared Waller instigated the crime and with an axe killed Reeves, his wife and three children.

Robbery and an old feud between Reeves and Waller were given as the motives. The negroes claimed they were forced to aid in the killings.

Waller, Long and the negroes have been spirited away from Minden.

WOULD LAY PROTOCOL ASIDE FOR PRESENT

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there was nothing in the correspondence that led to the creation of the commission, nor in the credentials and instructions delivered to its members, that would preclude consideration of the many other subjects which the commission made incidental to those agreed upon in the protocol. In effect he suggests that the protocol be laid aside for the present and the work of the commission be directed along fresh channels.

Although the conditions imposed for withdrawal of the troops were not to his liking, he attempted to make it clear that his chief objection to ratifying the document was not based upon the conditions, but on the fact that he could not conscientiously sign anything which would place him in the position of having appeared to sanction the presence even for a brief period in Mexico of foreign troops.

The situation was the subject of an hour's conference tonight between President Wilson and Secretary Lane. Afterwards Secretary Lane refused to talk.

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LOCAL LEGISLATION THAT COUNCIL WANTS

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city of Wilmington shall be fixed and established so that the waters and bed of Smith's creek and other streams tributary thereto shall not be included within the boundaries of said city.

"Resolver Further,—That the representative in the General Assembly from New Hanover county and the senator from this district be requested to present said act to the General Assembly and to co-operate in its passage."

Would Make It Fifty-Fifty.

The resolution asking that the expenses of the Health Department be borne on a 50-50 basis by the city and county sets forth at some length the reasons of Council for making this request. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, prior to the session of the General Assembly of 1915 it was provided by law that the city of Wilmington and the county of New Hanover should make certain appropriations toward the cost of maintaining James Walker Memorial Hospital, the city to pay two-fifths of the total amount so appropriated and the county to pay three-fifths thereof; and,

"Whereas, by an act of the General Assembly of 1915, the proportions of said cost payable respectively by the city and the county were changed so that the city is required to pay one-half of the total of such appropriation and the county one-half thereof; and,

"Whereas, under the proportions as now fixed by law the city is required to contribute out of its revenue an undue proportion of said cost in the light of the fact that about 80 per cent of the revenue of the county is derived from taxation upon property within or belonging to persons within the city; and,

"Whereas, it is now provided by law that the cost of maintaining the Health Department of the city and county shall be borne three-fourths by the city and one-fourth by the county, and in addition thereto the city is put to the necessity of maintaining a force of men engaged in sanitary work; and,

"Whereas, in the opinion of this Council the city is required to contribute to the support and maintenance of the Health Department an unfair and unreasonable proportion as compared with the amount required to be contributed by the county;

"Therefore, be it Resolved,—That the City Attorney be requested to prepare an act to be submitted to the General Assembly at its session of 1917, providing for a more equitable division between the city and county as to the amount to be contributed for the support and maintenance of the Health Department, it being the judgment of this Council that not more than 50 per cent. of the cost of such Health Department should be required to be paid by the city, thus putting the amount to be paid by the city to the support and maintenance of the Health Department on the existing basis of contribution to the support and maintenance of James Walker Memorial Hospital."

Bond Resolution.

The resolution about bonds has no reference to local legislation but simply gives the views of the present Council, or at least a part of them, as to how one issue should be taken care of. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, bonds of the city of Wilmington to the amount of ninety-six thousand ($36,000.) dollars, and bearing interest at six per cent. will mature January 1st, 1918, and it now appears that there will be on the date of such maturity in the sinking fund of the city a sufficient sum of money to pay said bonds in full; and,

"Whereas, it is the judgment of this Council that the bonded indebtedness of the city ought to be reduced whenever the same may be intelligently accomplished;

"Therefore Resolved,—That this Council, some or all of whose members may or may not at the time of the maturity of the bonds aforesaid be members hereof, hereby records its opinion that the bonds aforesaid should be paid at maturity and that the monies in the sinking fund of the city should be used for such purpose to the end that the bonded indebtedness of the city may be correspondingly reduced."

CONFERENCE HELD BY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

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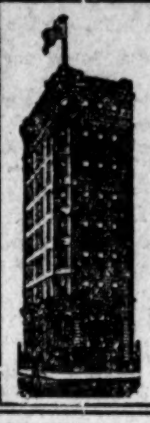
of the present high prices is beyond the control of the Department of Justice, and local authorities, housekeepers' associations and women's clubs have each their duty to perform."

BRITISH STEAMER LIBELLED

Damages Amounting to $450,000 Asked by Owners of Liner Powhatan.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—In the Federal District court today the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company libelled the British steamship Telena for $450,000 for damages sustained by the liner Powhatan in collision in the Chesapeake Bay, December 13, with the Telena. The libellants charge the master and crew of the Telena with negligence in the navigation of their vessel. They alleged that the collision was due to the improper signals displayed on the Telena.



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